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FLAMES DESTROY DYE HOTEL TUESDAY

The Dye Hotel is practically a total loss as the result of a fire which broke out in the attic at 5:30 Tuesday afternoon, and was not totally extinguished until nearly 10 o'clock that night.

The building was a three-story stucco containing eighteen rooms, three halls and four baths and is located at the corner of Kingshighway and Malone Avenue. The fire started in the attic from electric light wires and ate its way downward into the second story ,where it was finally controlled and extinguished after a bitter fight. The blaze was discovered by George L. Dye, who was caring for the filling station that is run in connection with the hotel. He was filling the gasoline tank for a car when he happened to glance up and noticed smoke rolling out from under the eaves of the roof. He immediately went into the house to investigate and it was discovered that there was a blaze in the attic. The fire department was notified and hurried to the spot.

When they arrived, the flames had not yet broken out, but were still smouldering away under the roof. They had gotten a good hold upon the building and shortly began breaking forth into the rooms on the third floor.

The firemen made every possible effort to check the flames and keep them from getting down into the second story, but were unable to get at them effectively because of the iron roof and stucco walls. The bitter cold and a strong north wind, which fanned the flames on, added to their difficulties. The height of the building prevented water from being effectively thrown to the third floor.

Practically none of the furnishings of the house were saved, only a few personal effects and some bed linen being taken out. At the start, it looked as though the blaze could be speedily gotten under control, and all efforts were directed towards putting it out of the upper rooms. Down stairs, furniture and furnishings of all sorts were ruined by the water which ran down through from above.

In the house, sick at the time with pneumonia, was T. B. Lewis of Illinois. He was carefully bundled with bed clothes and removed from his room by the firemen, others transferring him to the Hotel Marshall upon a cot. Wednesday he was reported to be getting along very well, without showing any effects of his exposure.

The supper bell had just sounded and about thirty guests were preparing to sit down to their evening meal when the fire was discovered. Of these, eleven were regular roomers and boarders at the Hotel, who with the members of th Dye family lost practically all of their clothes and personal belongings. The building was the property of Mr. and Mrs. George Dye and was insured for only $6,000. The Dye's are not planning to rebuild before spring, at least, and for the winter will have rooms with Mrs. Crooks at the Kready flats.

COTTON GINNED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1, IN MISSOURI

County	1926	1925
Butler	4,640	5,682
Dunklin	49,088	55,773
Mississippi	10,269	12,729
Pemiscot	53,910	28,770
New Madrid	21,897	28,182
Ripley	1,747	1,526
Scott	11,387	18,527
Stoddard	7,457	15,134
All other	1,352	3,934

CARD OF THANKS

To the Fire Department and our friends, who so splendidly came to our assistance in fighting the fire, Tuesday night, we wish to take this means of expressing our appreciation.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dye and Children

TOM TANNER SUFFERS BAD FALL WHEN LADDER BREAKS

Tom Tanner received a bad fall last week, when the ladder upon which he was working, broke and fell with him to the ground. He was working upon a filiing station at Charleston, when the accident occurred. Mr. Tanner was badly bruised and shaken by the fall, his left leg being twisted out of commission by the fall so that he is forced to be about on crutches.

Mrs. Randal Wilson entertained her club and two extra tables at bridge, Tuesday afternoon.

THIRD ANNUAL DRAMA CONTEST TO BE HERE

The Third Annual Drama Contest will be held in the Sikeston gymnasium auditorium Monday afternoon and night with the following schools competing: Caruthersville, Lilbourn, Matthews, Charleston, Diehlstadt, Sikeston and Blodgett.

Caruthersville will present "Sauce For the Gosling"; Lilbourn, "The Teeth of the Gift Horse"; Matthews, "The Clod"; Charleston, "The Valiant"; Diehlstadt, "Ashes of Roses"; Sikeston, "Rain".

This is the largest contest that has been held and promises to be the best. A handsome trophy cup will be presented to the winner. Last year, Charleston won the cup.

The public is urged to attend.

OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS AT BAPTIST MISSIONARY MEETING

Mrs. E. V. Phillips, Mrs. W. D. McCoy, Mrs. B. E. Curry, Mrs. J. W. Allen, East Prairie; Mrs. W. E. Hopkins, Mrs. J. P. Lankford, Mrs. John Hobbs, Mrs. A. A. Gnann, Chaffee; Mrs. F. H. Schofield, Mrs. Clara E. Graham, Mrs. Elmer E. Oliver, Mrs. F. D. Hequembourg, Charleston; Mrs. H. L. La Grange, Mrs. W. W. Krouse, Mrs. J. T. Presson, Mrs. J. W. Cunningham, Mrs. H. A. Osman, Rev. H. Patterson, Chaffee; Mrs. R. L. Morrow, Mrs. Claud Wood, Mrs. Frank Carter, Oran; Mrs. Rilda Howlett, Mrs. Geo. Bridges, Mrs. W. C. Brewer, Mrs. J. H. Harty, Charleston; Mrs. Henry Reynolds, Mrs. Geo. Hill, Mrs. G. Penny, Fornfelt; Rev. S. C. Howard, Oran; Rev. A. B. Sadler, Fornfelt; Rev. W. L. Cochran, Mrs. C. A. Stallings, Mrs. R. H. Leslie, Mrs. B. F. Earles, Morley; Mrs. Jane Peal, Blodgett; Rev. T. M. Estes,, Mrs. T. M. Estes, Illmo; Rev. J. B. Frisbie, Kansas City; Mrs. Jas. P. Bridges, Charleston; Mrs. J. A. Hemphill, Kennett.

THIS WILL BE TRIED ON YOUR PHONE SOON

A new method of handling telephone calls will be put into effect in Sikeston, December 20. Instead of repeating the number called by the patron, the operator will say, "thank you" and then ring the telephone requested.

"Study and experience", said L. D. Randol, manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., in announcing the change, "have developed so that it no longer is necessary for the local exchange operator to repeat the number called in the vast number of cases where she is sure she has correctly understood the calling party. Consequently, the courteous acknowledgment "thank you" is being substituted in such cases.

In cases where the operator is in doubt, she will either request the number—as for instance, "Is that 234?"—or will say, "what number, please?"

The new practice results in a little quicker service, and has proved generally pleasing to subscribers where it has been established. It is a part of a nation-wide change being made by the Bell System, except in large multi-office cities where complications prevent it.

DOG MISSING FOR TWO YEARS KNOWS OWNER

J.E. Dover is happy over the finding of his Blue Llewellyn setter last week. The dog was discovered in Morehouse by Mr. Dover's son-in-law, Paul Bowman. He thought the dog was Mr. Dover's and returned to Sikeston and told him that he thought he had seen his (Dover's) dog. Mr. Dover went to Morehouse and the dog, when called by his name, Beau Blue, ran to Mr. Dover and nearly went wild with joy. The man who had the dog, said that he had bought him from a man in Sikeston and had not permitted him to run loose. Beau Blue had been gone for nearly two years, but he had not forgotten the Dovers and seems to be delighted to be back home again.

Mr. and Mrs. Pitt White of Bertrand will spend the holidays in Atlanta, Ga., with their daughter, Mrs. J. C. Brown.

This cold spell of weather has called for extra underwear and Henry Welsh has sold out his stock of red flannels that he had accumulated.

C. D. Matthews III., will arrive home Sunday from Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., to be the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Matthews, Jr., for the Chrismas holidays.

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CHILD IS VICTIM OF MYSTERIOUS FIRE

Dexter, December 15.—Charles Wesley, one-year-old foster son of Charles W. Newland of near here, was burned to death late Tuesday when the Newland farm home was destroyed by fire.

Members of the family were in an adjoining field picking cotton and had left the child at home, asleep. The building was in flames when they discovered the fire but Newland rushed into the house and carried the child out, after it had been suffocated by the smoke. Origin of the fire has not been determined.

VICE BILL TO COME BEFORE STATE LEGISLATURE

The Fifty-fourth General Assembly, which convenes at Jefferson City January 5, will be asked to consider a bill against the commercialized aspect of vice, sponsored by the Missouri Social Hygiene Association, a citizens organization with headquarters in St. Louis.

According to Charles E. Miner Executive Secretary of the Association, "the bill has been endorsed by a large number of social service and civic organizations, including the League of Women Voters and the Missouri Conference for Social Welfare, and approved by public health and police officials. It has been drawn after a careful study of our statutes and is an attempt to provide officials with an adequate means for coping with commercialized vice. It has nothing to do with private morals, but interferes with those who traffic in vice for profit".

BRINGS IN PEDIGREE DAIRY STOCK TO SIKESTON

Charles and Harold Hebbeler have brought to their dairy farm near Sikeston, seven pure-bred Jersey heifers. These animals were purchased from several dairy breeders in Jasper County, one of the states leading dairy sections, with the advice and assistance of the Missouri Pacific Dairy Specialist, Mr. Nevins.

One of the heifers is a daughter of the cow which won the State championship for the production of butterfat, winning the Silver Medal Championship with a reward of 576 pounds of butterfat in 305 days at 2 years of age.

The Hebbelers bought these fine heifers in the hopes that more people in this section of the country can be induced to take up dairying and to raise fine cattle. All seven are purebred Jersey's and are for sale at actual cost. The Hebbelers also have several fine cows from their own herd which they are willing to sell to those interested in getting a start at dairying.

Their faith in purebred stock is not confined to cattle alone as three purebred Poland China brood sows were brought to their farm from Carmio, Illinois.

EASTERN STARS ELECTED OFFICERS THURSDAY NIGHT

The ladies of the Eastern Star elected officers for the coming year at a meeting held last Thursday night, officers being as follows:

Worth Matron—Mrs. Melvin Limbaugh.

Worthy Patron—W. E. Hollingsworth.

Associate Matron—Mrs. Nellie Mount.

Conductress—Mrs. Mary Dudley.

Associate Conductress—Mrs. Ruth Limbaugh.

Treasurer—Miss Lillian Putnam.

Secretary—Mrs. Lucy Humphreys.

AMERICAN LEGION TO HAVE BANQUET FRIDAY NIGHT

The Henry Meldrum Post of the American Legion will give a banquet at the Hotel Del Rey, Friday, December 17, at 7:00 o'clock. All ex-service men and Legionnaires are invited to attend. There will be no charge. Those planning to attend are asked to leave their names with Harry Dudley or Irvin Cox, who are in charge of arrangements for the banquet.

Entertainment for the banquet has been planned and afterwards plans for the work of the Legion for the forthcoming year will be discussed.

Mrs. James Kevil entertained the Friday Afternoon Bridge Club, Friday.

Repairs and redecorations for the Methodist Church have at last been completed and the church is now in the best condition which it has been in for a number years.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM NEW MADRID

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mann entertained the Tuesday Bridge Club with a night party Tuesday evening at their home on Scott Street, with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hunter, Jr., playing as substitutes. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Mann were the recipients of the prizes, a pair of sox and a pair of pillow cases. Concluding the evening's pleasure, a delightful collation was served.

Miss Daisy Peterman of Jackson was the guest of Miss Nan Riley last week.

Mrs. Fannie R. Fine of St. Louis arrived last week to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Riley, Sr.

Mrs. W. B. Lacy, of the Commercial Hotel, spent Monday in Morehouse. She was accompanied home by her niece, Miss Vera Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lynn of Charleston were shopping in New Madrid last Friday.

Mrs. Ambros Kerr and daughter, Miss Irene, made a trip to Paducah, Ky., last Saturday and attended a funeral of a friend, Sunday.

Earl Hamilton of Douglas, Georgia visited his mother, Mrs. Ambrose Kerr, several days the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Householder returned Sunday from Florida, where they spent the last eight months.

Miss Maggie McClelland of Eldorado, Ill., arrived Saturday of last week on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. Albert Lee.

Fount Lee, age about 68 years died suddenly Monday morning about 11 o'clock near Ristine, about six miles northwest of New Madrid. He had been in usual health and became very ill with a smothering spell and died before he could be gotten to bed. Mr. Lee was a prosperous farmer, and very highly respected by all who knew him. His wife before her marriage was Miss Annie Mitchell, preceded him to death a number of years ago. He is survived by three sons and five daughters. Funeral services were held at the family residence on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment in the family cemetery. Many friends of the family extend sympathy in their bereavement.

J. R. Grabenhorst of Canalou made a business trip to New Madrid, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cruchon and the latter's mother, Mrs. John Cobb of Marston, attended the funeral of a relative at Poplar Bluff, Sunday.

Mrs. Maggie Totty of Sikeston spent Saturday in New Madrid, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Park.

Mrs. W. T. Royer, accompanied by her daughters, Mrs. C. Rassmussen and Miss Hilma, returned from St. Mary's Infirmary, Cairo, Saturday, where she had been receiving treatments.

L. Robbs of Portageville was a business visitor in New Madrid, Wednesday.

Mrs. D. C. Kimes and daughter, Miss Marguerite, were guests of Mrs. Mary Griffith last Saturday and Sunday.

KING WINTER PAYS VISIT TO SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

Old King Winter, after several threats, has at last come through with a visit to Southeast Missouri. His visit, although forecast by the weather reports, came swiftly, weather reporter, Drummond of the Western Union office, having noticed on his records that within twenty-four hours the weather had made a change of 37 degrees. Monday, the lowest temperature recorded was 53 degrees. Tuesday, the lowest temperatur was 16 degrees. The lowest stage of the mercury on Wednesday was 13 degrees.

OIL WELL NEARLY EIGHTEEN HUNDRED FEET DOWN

Work at the oil derrick near Himmel was resumed Monday morning after a short lay-off and the well has now been sunk to a depth of nearly 1800 feet.

Work will be continued through the winter whenever the weather permits and the promoters hope by spring to reach oil-bearing sand.

Miss Sara Malone spent Monday and Tuesday in St. Louis.

The Co-Workers held a very successful bazaar at the home of Mrs. J. W. Black Tuesday afternoon. Between $50 and $60 was realized from the sale of candy, cakes and fancy work and the ladies were quite well pleased with the results.



WHO WAS THE POET WHO SAID

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IN MY WAY

By Warren T. Kingsbury

It's a ticklish business, this, attempting to describe a girl. So, rather than lay myself liable to the hair-pulling of a furious female, I shall limit my description of her personal appearance to the statement that she is a wonderfully attractive looking girl. But a flow of descriptive adjectives is not necessary in this case for we are not so much concerned with the girl's appearance as with her disposition. Perhaps we do wrong when we say disposition, for it is true that voice can sometimes be falsely regarded as an indication of disposition and we doubt certainly that her disposition is as harsh as her voice usually is. But, nevertheless, the tone of voice in which a thing adds much to the meaning of the words and gives us an admirable insight into the frame of mind of the speaker. And so, we mention her voice.

Not gentle and soothing as the Zephyrs of Spring. More like a raucous burst of static from the mouthpiece of a radio loud-speaker. A voice, constant in volume and of such intensity that it would make its owner a formidable contender in a hog-calling contest. We really have no fault to find with its volume. In fact, we think it quite admirable that this young lady should be enabled to stand on her front porch and by her voice convey some piece of intelligence to a neighbor a block or so away. What we do deplore, is her inability to modulate it to an ordinary conversational tone on any occasion. We feel touched with sympathy for the members of her family and her friends who are forced to expose their ears daily to its vigor. We wonder that they have survived, lo, these several years, without having had their ear-drums split or at least having been deafened much as a machine gunner is from the constant fire of his weapon. For this young lady keeps up a continual cannonade of words. That her voice is in some degree indicative of her disposition may only be sensed by the rapidity with which she shouts, (one can hardly designate the effusions coming from her vocal chords as speech) the hast with which she expells her words expressing in some measure, the temper or excitement of her mind, as the case may be. If she is angry, her words run together like drops of mercury, colliding with one another; if she is merely excited, they rush forth like the clicks from the typewriter of a stenographer, who has from some unknown cause, gotten into a hurry. So one can tell at least, whether "the loudest girl in town" is angry or just merely excited and govern their actions accordingly.

I've known for sometime that 'good intentions" are the popular type of pavement in Hell, but I just recently learned that they were like eggs. And the reason—if they're not hatched out pretty soon, they go bad.

This cold weather has caused much concern among some of our kind-hearted men who shiver all over as they watch the young ladies trip along the streets with only their silk stockings to protect them from their knees down. "Brrr! how do they stand it. How do they keep from taking pneumonia" are typical thoughts. But we know of one young lady they can cease being concerned about. Over her silks, turned down just below the knee, she wears heavy woolen golf hose. And with the silks, "nude color", the first impression is quite startling.

Light on the whereabouts of a few of the street curb loafers came to me the other day when I started up the stairs to an office and found the stairway blocked by those who had come in to partake of the warmth of the radiator on the stairway and had settled to positions of comfort on the stairway.

Not all of the tramps go south with the birds. You still can note them through town occasionally and the benches of the park have given way to the floor of the boiler room at the City Hall as a place to spend the night. The boiler room floor is hard, but its warmth is to be preferred to the chill of the winter night.

Seven more shopping days before Christmas. How time flies!

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MAN KILLED IN ARK. WAS SHOT AT HERE

A chapter in the life of Alfred Haynes, shot and killed by an officer in Blytheville, Ark., Sunday, that will be of interest to Sikeston people was revealed by his diary.

Haynes, 40 years of age, from Ripley, Tenn., was shot and killed at 1:30 Sunday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Buck Tomlinson. Three shots were fired by the officer, only one of which took effect, that in the right breast, death being instantaneous.

The story as related by Tomlinson and Deputy Sheriff Pink Luteral, who accompanied him, follows:

"We were driving by the Bugg Park, on the Blytheville-Leachville concrete road. As we passed the park we noticed the man walking about in the edge of the park, just off the concrete. We stopped our car and went toward the man, finally asking him what he was doing there. As we neared Haynes he kept moving from us. Finally we told him to stop, that we desired to talk with him. He replied that he would not stop. I (Tomlinson) had advanced near enough to take hold of Haynes' coat tail. At this Haynes grabbed for his .45 revolver, which became entangled in his coat. We wrestled for some time, Haynes endeavoring to release his weapon, when I fired".

An ambulance was called and the body taken into Blytheville, where Haynes had several relatives. He had for several years been adjudged insane, but was considered harmless by all who knew him. He had enjoyed considerable reputation as a musician in West Tennessee, he and his brother being members of Haynes' Orchestra there years ago.

In Haynes' personal effects was found a diary in which he had jotted down a daily record of his wanderings and the experiences which had befallen him. One notation referred to a stay in Sikeston and told of his having camped out in a farmer's barn for several days. The record related how he built his fire in the center of the barn floor and made himself at home until the farmer discovered him and called an officer.

The officer came out and started to arrest him. Haynes attempted to escape, but the officer managed to catch hold of his coat tail. Just then, a cow, aroused from her sleep by the disturbance rushed for the barn door and in her rush came between the two struggling men, carrying them out the door with her and breaking the officer's hold upon Haynes' coat tail so that he managed to escape despite several shots that were fired after him.

The officers at Blytheville phoned to the police here to find if this had actually happened here. As officer Sexton had reported such an occurrence several weeks back, they were answered in the affirmative.

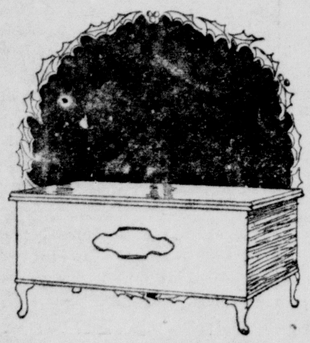
Second Election Contest Filed

New Madrid, December 14.—The second election contest growing out of November's voting in which candidates for county offices won by a narrow margin has been filed here.

George M. Meier, of Parma, who, on the face of the official returns, was defeated for state representative by a margin of 30 votes by T. A. Penman of Portageville, has filed a petition to contest the election, alleging fraudulent voting, coercion, miscounting and charging that votes in many places counted for Penman should have been counted for him.

This contest will be decided by the state legislature, which will determine from testimony whether Penman should be seated. Depositions will be taken here.

The other contest pending here is against the election of Miss Lilly Dawson as circuit clerk.



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Dr. F. J. Alway, chief of the soils division, university of Minnesota, recently reported the results from a series of trials of phosphate on corn on 55 farms in Jackson county. As the corn was husked and weighed up in September, it was found, he says, that on about one-third of the fields there was no distinct effect. On another third there was an increase of 5 to 10 per cent, and on the remaining third an increase of 10 to 20 per cent. When the corn had been thoroughly dried there was far more shrinkage with the unfertilized than with the fertilized corn in nearly all cases, due to the fact that the fertilized corn was more mature.

About one-third of the fields gave no appreciable gain of dry-shelled corn; another third showed an increase of 10 to 25 per cent, and the remaining third of 25 to 60 per cent.

Doctor Alway concludes that in Jackson county, with such a season as the one in 1925, there is chance of a profitable use of phosphate on corn land, and he would encourage farmers in all southwestern counties of Minnesota to try phosphate on a small scale on their corn. Applications may well consist, he says, of 50 pounds per acre of treble superphosphate, about 100 pounds of 20 per cent acid phosphate, or 125 pounds of 16 per cent acid phosphate.

Proper Storage of Ice for Summer Very Simple

It isn't so much what kind of building the farmer stores his ice in, as how he packs it.

Storage of ice for summer use is simpler than generally believed. A properly constructed ice house is desirable, but any building affording protection from wind and rain may be used.

Proper packing is more important than the design of the house. The two important factors are the packing material and the ice block.

"Sawdust is a satisfactory packing material. It is easily obtainable everywhere. Frame walls of single thickness require 18 inches of sawdust around the sides, top, and bottom of the ice block. Twelve to 14 inches of sawdust will do for houses having double walls with a dead air space. Proper drainage must be provided beneath the ice block."

Feep the ice cakes close together on edge, if you want the ice to keep well.

Smooth the surface of each tier of cakes with adz or ax. Force the ice chips between any cracks that may remain. Place the next tier of cakes directly on the first, and so on until the house has been filled. The entire ice block will tend to freeze together as one huge cake.

Some Fertilizers Mixed Without Curing at Home

The statement often heard, "That fertilizer must be cured" is only a part truth and likely to be misleading, says A. W. Blair, professor of soil chemistry at the New Jersey experiment station.

When rock phosphate or a mixture of rock phosphate and low-grade organic material is treated with sulphuric acid in the manufacture of acid phosphate, it is necessary for the resulting material to go through a process of curing. In this curing, time must be allowed for completing the chemical reaction, both for the escape of noxious gases and for the mass to dry so that it may be properly pulverized. But once the acid phosphate is properly prepared it becomes a commercial product which is easily handled and may be mixed with other fertilizer materials in the making of complete fertilizers. These mixed fertilizers may be used immediately without any further curing or processing.

For example: A mixture may be made up of acid phosphate, nitrate of soda, sulphate of ammonia, tankage and muriate of potash, and used the day it is mixed and give just as good results as it would if allowed to stand two months.

FARM NOTES

Plan to paint the farm buildings during the slack season.

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A fertile soil is evidence of a fertile brain in the farmer's head.

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Before planning to increase production, make sure the product can be sold.

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Waste oil from the tractor, car, or truck engine crank case works fine in a hog oiler.

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In every farming community there ought to be a rogue's gallery of farmers who rob their soils.

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Clip the stubble fields this fall and see how much better clover and grass you will have next year.

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The farmer's No Man's Land is out where the wet begins. Tile drains make pretty good shock troops.

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Free Delivery to East Prairie, Sikeston, Morehouse, New Madrid, Blodgett, Morley, Benton, and towns between.

NEW ARRIVALS Back order for special pattern in dinnerware and another for lot of brass novelties—arrived this week. It goes out for a song as compared to regular prices. Further shipment of Bird of Paradise China bought by a lot of people last Christmas was placed some months ago and it is now in. Those who have already bought should fill in while they can at a price.

Iron Beds Must Be Sold Two-inch Posters—the kind you have been paying $10 for all along; take 'em **$6.75**

12 Foot Linoleum 95c Square Yard

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Like the 12 foot, this is strictly first grade cloth.

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BEN F. MARSHALL MARRIED IN ST. LOUIS, WEDNESDAY

Ben F. Marshall, son of Mrs. Florence Marshall, of this city, was married in St. Louis Wednesday, according to telegrams received here by friends and relatives.

The messages were brief and gave no particulars, reading: "Just married, everybody happy, will see you Thursday night. Love to all. Ben and Catherine".

As we go to press, we have been unable to secure any particulars of the marriage or any information concerning the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lemings spent the day Sunday in Dexter visiting relatives.

Byron File of Charleston has been appointed highway engineer of Mississippi County by Gov. Baker to succeed P. A. Tanner, also of Charleston, resigned.

Mrs. Viola Parsons, who has been spending the past few months in Grand Rapids, Mich., will arrive this week to spend the remainder of the winter at home. She will be accompanied home by her sister, Mrs. J. K. Stark.

OFFICERS FOR REBEKAH LODGE ELECTED FRIDAY

The following officers were elected by the Rebekah Lodge last Friday night: Noble Grand, Miss Lucy Andres; past noble grand, Mrs. Harvey Morrison; secretary, Mrs. C. C. White; treasurer, Mrs. Frank Martin; vice grand, Mrs. John Durbin.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Craig, a son, December 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Goodwin are the parents of a baby girl, born on Wednesday morning.

Mrs. C. D. Matthews, Jr., was hostess to four tables of bridge Monday afternoon and to five tables, Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Ruth Baker, who has been attending Lindenwood College at St. Charles, arrived home for the holidays, Wednesday night.

The Young Ladies' Circle of the Christian Church held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Ray Duncan, Tuesday night.

Miss Lucille Stubblefield returned home for the holidays Wednesday night from Columbia, where she has been attending Christian College.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Rose are expecting to have as their guests for the holidays, their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harry A .Rose of Dermott, Arkansas.

The T. E. L. and Amoma classes of the Baptist Sunday school will meet at the church Frdiay night to prepare a Christmas box for the Orphans Home in St. Louis.

Roy Y. Smith of Wellsville, who has traded for the W. T. Jones 320 acres in Big Opening, was in Sikeston this week making arrangements to move his family to his farm.

The members of the Sunday School at Miner Switch will have a Christmas program and tree, Friday night, December 24. The tree is open to all to place gifts upon for their children and friends.

E. H. Barger of Wardell spent Wednesday and Thursday in Sikeston transacting business with the A. J. Matthews Co. While here he was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Barger.

Hershel Tyre, Jimmie Howell and Jack Phelps are expected to arrive in Sikeston some time Friday or Saturday for the holidays. As they are making the trip from Westmnister College, Fulton, Mo., to Sikeston in an old Ford, the hour of their arrival is difficult to forecast. We trust that they wil lget here ultimately.

A SECOND MARRIAGE AT 122!

The death occurred at Dromara, County Down, few weeks ago, of a man who claimed to be the oldest person in the British Isles. His name was William Smith, and his reputed age 126 years.

It is only a few years ago that the death took place of a Pole named Krassinski, who claimed to be well over 130 years old. He served in the French imperial guard from 1809 to 1813, and bore the scars of wounds received in the battle of Leipzic. He had vivid recollections of the disastrous retreat from Moscow, as well as the famous disaster at Beresina. Krassinski's father lived to 117 and his mother to ninety-seven.

John Shell, a Kentucky farmer, who died four or five years ago, claimed to be 125 years old. Some tourists discovered him, and the result of newspaper publicity was an examination by medical experts, whose verdict was that his claim was probably true. His own statement was that the year of his birth was 1788.

There died in Louisiana not long ago an old negress who was a grown woman when she was "imported" from her native Africa. Most of the slaves who were set free after the Civil War had been born in the United States, but she was one of the original stock actually captured and brought from her native land in 1825.

The oldest well-attested case of longevity is that of "Old Par", whose grave is one of the curiosities of Westminster Abbey. He died at the age of 152. Parr remained a bachelor until he was over eighty, when he married and became the father of a son and a daughter. He was married a second time at 122, and is said to have worked on a farm until he was 130.—Tit-Bits.

Members of the Sikeston Lions Club were hosts to their wives and ladies, Thursday night at the Hotel Marshall.

Joe Albright is expected to arrive home for the holidays Sunday from Central College where he has been attending school this fall.

Mrs. M. H. Stallcup of Hot Springs, Ark., arrived Thursday to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lawrence at the Del Rey Hotel.

Rev. S. P. Brite accompanied his sister-in-law, Miss Katherine Duncan to St. Louis, Wednesday, where she entered the Missouri Baptist Sanitarium for treatment.



Specials For Christmas

How many and what gifts you plan to give for Christmas may depend a lot on how many you can get for the money you plan to spend. That is where these special values will aid you. You can bny a greater number of gifts without sacrificing the quality of any item.

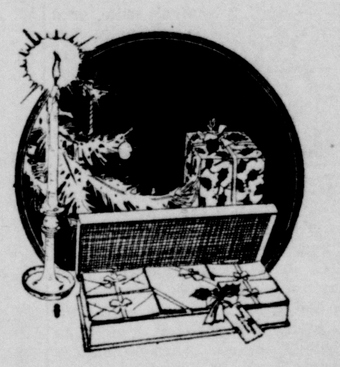
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Time and again we have customers ask us how we can give such values for the money. Well, we are satisfied with a small margin of profit for one thing. Note these offerings:

Toilet Sets **Xmas Novelties**
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At the prices quoted on these boxes of Gift Stationery, you may include stationery as a gift in many places you had not planned on doing so.



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"The Best is None Too Good"

Mrs. Harry Dover was hostess to the Embroidery Club, Thursday.

Mrs. G. H. Barger went to St. Louis Tuesday afternoon to enter the Missouri Baptist Sanitarium for an operation upon her arm.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

Default having been made in payment of dues, interest and authorized advances, equal to more than six months dues and interest payment, secured by note described in deed of trust executed by J. W. Spies, Sr., and his wife Amelia M Spies, dated May Twentieth, Nineteen hundred Twenty-Four, and recorded on the Eighteenth Day of June, Nineteen Hundred Twenty-Four, in office of Recorder of Deeds for Scott County, Missouri, at Benton, Missouri, in Book number 45, at Page number 112, conveying to undersigned the following described real estate and improvements thereon in the County of Scott, State of Missouri, to-wit:

All of Lot number Five (5) in Block number Four (4) of McCoy and Tanners First Addition to the City of Sikeston, according to the recorded plat thereof, and all improvements thereon.

Now, in accordance with the terms and conditions of said note and deed of trust and the legal holder and owner of said note and deed of trust having declared the whole debt due as secured thereby, I will, at the request of said legal holder and owner, on

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14th, 1927

between the hours of 9:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m. of said day sell the above described property to the highest bidder for cash at the Front Door of the Post Office in the Town or City of, Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri, for the purpose of satisfying said debt and costs.

LEE B. EWING,
Trustee

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Kansas City—U. S. Highway No. 40 between Kansas City and St. Louis to be opened soon.

Raising domestic rabbits for meat and fur is a rapidly growing industry in this country, says the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, and the question of the most profitable disposition of the wastes is one of sufficient importance to challenge the attention of scientists. As in the case of packing-house wastes, part of the discarded material is recoverable as grease, part as dried blood, and the greater part as tankage or ammoniate fertilizer.

Laroy—New bridge to be erected across Drywood Creek.

Belton—Bell Telephone Company rebuilding its line from Belton to Kansas City.

Edgerton—New schoolhouse here dedicated.

Fayette—Plans under way to construct paved road from Fayette to New Franklin.

Unionville—Work progressing on new Stalcum building on West Main Street.

Shell City—Several streets of city to be paved.

Laddonia—Missouri Power & Light Company to increase voltage of street lights in business section and repair street lights in other sections of town.

Ozark—Pet Milk Company may locate condensery here.

Poplar Bluff—Russell Packing Co. establishing branch packing plant in this town.

Quincy—New state highway from Quincy to Palmyra, under construction.

Milan—Several streets of town being paved.

De Soto—Work statred on new Ely & Walker Shirt Factory here.

Ray Weidel had his tonsils removed Sunday morning.



CHRISTMAS TIME IS CANDY TIME

Sure enough, what's Christmas without candy? Might as well have Christmas without Santa Claus, and toys and trees?

And Christmas calls for ALL SORTS OF CANDIES—

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The POSTMAN and CHRISTMAS



EVER since she had been a child she had thought that the postman was about the most interesting person in the world. He it was who brought all the letters and packages and papers and magazines, who always might be bringing any number of surprises.

To be sure, he often passed the house without leaving anything, but then there was always the chance that he might bring anything.

At Christmas time he was the most wonderful sort of a person, with his bag filled with presents and cards and calendars and letters from friends she was sure would not forget her, and from friends she was so pleased had not forgotten her.



Sometimes he brought just the most delicious mail of all—sometimes he brought a fruit cake, or a box of candy that a friend of hers had made.

So it was that she, Minnie, had always loved postmen in general, and now it seemed as though she were being particularly fond of one postman in particular. He was on their route and he often came in and chatted after the day's work was over.

She had gone to school with him and she had always liked him. The old postman was a dear—no matter how many bundles he was carrying at Christmas time he always seemed to be happy that his load was heavy, because it meant just that much more joy along the route.

But he had retired and now every Christmas they took his present to him and sat and chatted with him and with his wife, who always brought out her Christmas cake to be shared by all.

She had not been displeased when the schoolday friend had been given this route.

Not displeased at all.

Ray was tall and very good-looking. She thought he looked so well in his postman's uniform. And certainly he seemed a little interested in her.

She was not displeased in this.

Not displeased at all.

Christmas Day, he had said, there would be no mail delivery. So she was a little surprised to see him coming down the street and up the steps of their house.

"I wonder if we're going to have mail after all," she said to herself. It hadn't occurred to her that he was not in his postman's uniform, and that he was coming just to see her. To be sure, he stopped in when he was off duty, but she had never quite felt he was so much interested in her as that he enjoyed the whole family. She did belong to such a nice family, so jolly and cordial and friendly as they all were, and such fun.



And then it was all so clear, as they sat before the fire that Christmas afternoon, that he was interested in her—very, very much interested in her. More so than she had even thought or hoped or dreamed.

In fact, he told her all about it.

And she was not displeased.

Not displeased at all.

Nor was he displeased.

Not displeased at all.

For she agreed that to be a postman's wife was not such a bad idea, and that, apart from everything else, it would be so particularly nice to know that the postman was going to come to one's house every single day in the whole year—to their own house.

And, as she said, it was such fun being engaged to a postman in the Christmas season.

He had not been too busy to think of her!

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Christmas Tie

Wife gave him
a
surprise,
A tie made for
his
sake,
'Twas very like
the
ties
That mother used
to
make.
—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Large Christmas Trees

The white pines are best for community and church Christmas trees as their size is more adapted to larger spaces. The spruce is one of the most common of Christmas trees.

Guard Against Fire

Careful citizens keep a pailful of water handy under the highly inflammable Christmas tree.

GIFT SHOPPING SUGGESTIONS

That place this store on a par with any and above the many, as a place where Christmas buying may be done satisfactorily and economically



Attractively Priced
GIFT GLOVES
And equally attractively styled and finely fashioned. They are the very latest in style, and are of a quality that will give service.

Sweater Coats
Sweater Coats, that exceptionally acceptable gift, especially for men who enjoy outdoors sports of any kind. Many colors and weaves.

Hosiery
Hosiery—single pairs or in boxes of three, six or a dozen, supplies an excellent answer to many a gift problem.

House Coats
House Coats for gift gviing. A garment that a man enjoys owning, yet it is one thing he will seldom buy for himself.

Handkerchiefs
Handkerchiefs—plain or initialed, in gift assortments. Some with wide hems, some with medium or narrow hems.

Hats
Hats—the very latest shapes, in a wide variety of dimensions, colors and trimmings. A style for each individual type of face.

Underwear
Underwear makes an especially attractive gift, since it is so practical. We box your purchase in a handsome gift box.

Shirts
Shirts—a wonderful gift suggestion, since every man can use at least one new Shirt, and most men will appreciate getting several.

LINENS
In Gift Assortment
A satisfactory sort of a gift, since it meets a practical need in every home—and the cost is within reason.

***MILLINERY*—Arrayed for Gift Choosing**
Bringing to your especial attention the new mid-winter Millinery styles in an ample array of attractive models—a splendid gift item.

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In answer to each definite demand for certain weaves and styles of Hosiery, we have prepared this unusual display to aid the gift buyer. Prices during this special selling are so economical that every plan of expenditure may be easily met.



Little gifts of vast importance—their well-considered, careful choice carries a message of gracious thoughtfulness that is often difficult to match in gifts of greater magnitude. Our prices during this sale are especially interesting.

Warm Coats for the Kiddies
If your children are in need of new warm coats, or other wear that will protect them from the cold winter weather, what better time than Christmas to make your purchase, letting it answer the double purpose of a gift and a necessity.

Silk Underwear Gift Items
Filmy and lacy and a-flutter with ribbons, silken and a-splash with color,—whatever her individual taste may be, there are garments here to gratify it. To choose here and now, is surely a simple solution to many gift puzzles.

THE MATHIS STORE

Hobbs Building. First Door North of Peoples Bank, North New Madrid Street, Sikeston, Mo.

PROMINENT MISSISSIPPI CO. FARMER DIED WEDNESDAY

E. L .Brown, prominent Mississippi County farmer, died at his home in Charleston Wednesday night at 9:00 o'clock.

Mr. Brown was one of this section's pioneer farmers having been brought to Mississippi County by his father, at an early age. He settled at Price's Landing and cleared up and placed under cultivation much of the land there, where he made his home until some ten years ago, at which time he retired and moved into Charleston, where he was interested in the Charleston Bank. He was a member of the Methodist church at Price's Landing and was practically responsible for its continued existence.

Mr. Brown was 82 years of age and for the past several months had been suffering with kidney trouble. Funeral services will be held for him at the home in Charleston, Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Besides his wife, Mr. Brown is survived by two sons, Aphia Brown and E. Lindsay Brown, both of Charleston. His daughter-in-law, Mrs. E. Lindsay Brown, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Sikes, of this city.

WHO SAYS THERE IS NO SANTA CLAUS?

"I am one of those of God's children", William Allen White told the young men and young women of Kansas university yesterday, "who believe in Santa Claus".

We all believe in Santa Claus. The world believes in Santa Clause, and we are glad of it. We wouldn't live in a world that didn't believe in Santa Claus.

Laugh at it as we may; hail it back to the kindergarten and the primary clas as a tale that belongs to the children, nevertheless we know there is a Santa Claus and we love him.

A meek and humble reporter, who gained an audience one day last week with the governor of Kansas, seeking an interview on grave and mighty question of state, was greeted with this salutation:

"I have been looking at that picture of Santa Claus in your paper, and reading the story, I am bound to see him when he comes to Kansas City this year".

On a train running out of Kansas City an eminent scientists in the medical world, member of the faculty of a great university, carried a big box labeled "Books".

"Not really books", he explained mysteriously, "but Christmas presents for the family, I camouflage them this way in order to keep them until Christmas morning".

Sly old medical scientist, who would scoff publicly at the fact of a real Santa Claus, but knows down in his heart that there is one!

In the business district a woman who rode to the store in a limousine; driven by a uniformed chauffeur, stood beside a woman at the Christmas toy counter who had come downtown in a street car and who timed her shopping by the store clock, lest her transfer slip expire, both of them inspired by the faith expressed by the Emporia editor—there is a Santa Claus.

Evolutionist, fundamentalist, capital and labor, Republican, Democrat, the ultra rich, the lowly poor—we all believe in Santa Claus, thank God, to the last penny of our spending money and the ultimate limit of our credit. Taking up the title of Mr. White's declaration of faith, we sing in chorus:

"Some say there ain't no Santa Claus, but we know darn well there is!"—K. C. Star.

Milan—3-mile gap in Milan-Green City road to be graveled.

Horticultural News

MEDIUM PRUNING AIDS RASPBERRY

During the past seasons the Wisconsin Experiment station has carried on trials in heading-in the red raspberry, using approximately these three practices. The data secured in 1919 showed little difference in the crop secured from the light and medium pruning, but a marked reduction in the crop resulted from cutting back the canes severely.

In 1920 the plants receiving medium heading-in outyielded those which were given only a light pruning. The differences in some cases were quite marked. As in 1919, the severe heading-in materially reduced the crop. Later experiments have not changed these results to any great extent.

Either of two methods is used in heading-in the black raspberry. It may be pruned in the same way as the red, the heading-in, however, usually being more severe. As this method requires less attention it is the one usually followed in the home plantation. The yields received are ordinarily somewhat less than where the system of "summer pinching" is practiced.

The second method is commonly designated as "summer pruning" or "summer pinching." When this method is employed the tips of the new shoots are pinched out when they are 18 to 24 inches high. To carry out this method properly it is necessary to go over the plantation two or three times during the first half of the growing season, as all the shoots will not reach the desired size at the same time.

This "pinching back" will cause side branches to develop on which the fruiting wood of the following season will appear. These side branches are cut back in the spring, leaving them from 8 to 15 inches long. It may be advisable, also, when the number of new shoots is large to remove some of the weaker ones during the growing season.

Locate Orchard as Near Farm Home as Possible

The home orchard should be located near the home if possible. This is important because the producer will usually get more satisfaction and value out of the home orchard if the fruits can be procured easily and promptly when desired. It is possible, however, that in order to locate the fruits close to the house, it may be necessary that they be grown upon soil less adapted to fruit culture. Since one can usually make by extra care and attention the plot for the home orchard more desirable, this matter should not prevent the planting of a home orchard. The big factor to keep in mind is to locate the orchard as near the home as possible and in an accessible place. Under proper care and attention the soil will generally respond favorably.

Planting Distances for Fruit Trees Will Vary

The planting distances for all the fruits vary greatly, but, in general, the following may be used with good results: Apple—30 to 36 feet apart each way; pear—24 to 30 feet; peaches—20 to 24 feet; cherries—18 to 22 feet; plums—18 to 22 feet; grapes—8 feet in the row and 10 feet between the rows; currants and gooseberries—4 to 6 feet in the row and 6 to 8 feet between the rows; blackberries and raspberries—4 to 6 feet in the row and 8 feet between the rows; strawberries—commercial plantings are usually made 3 feet in the row and 3½ to 4 feet between the rows; for the home orchard, however, they may be planted much closer, from 1½ to 2 feet in the row and 2½ to 3 feet between the rows

Cheap Plan to Protect Fruit Trees in Autumn

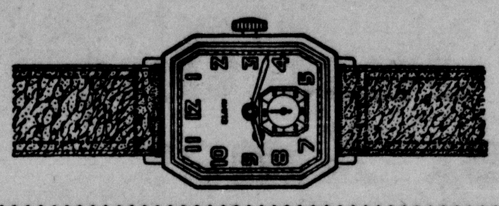
A single rabbit has been known to girdle a dozen young fruit trees a day. The juicy bark is especially liked by both rabbits and mice.

It is cheaper to protect trees than bridge graft in the spring, according to L. C. Williams, extension horticulturist at the Kansas State Agricultural college. He advises the placing of a protection about the trunk which may be satisfactorily made from poultry wire, building paper, or cornstalks. Such protectors should be removed in the spring to prevent them becoming a harboring place for injurious insects, he says.

Various washes often substituted for protectors are not desirable as they must be renewed to remain effective.

Life of Spray Machine

The life of the spray machine will be greatly extended if this implement is thoroughly cleaned after the season's campaign is over and stored in a dry place. The tank should be drained and cleaned, the bases of the cylinders removed and all sediment washed out, the pressure relief valve cleaned and the pressure on it released, oil placed in all wearing parts, and the hose thoroughly drained and stored in a dry place where the temperature does not become too cold.



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HARRISON OFFERS NEW FARM BILL

Washington, December 15.—A contender with the McNary measure as a farm relief bill appeared in the Senate today in the form of a bill prepared by Senator Harrison (Dem.) of Mississippi, proposing to relieve agriculture by permitting the Federal intermediate credit banks to lend farmers $1,200,000,000.

Denouncing the McNary bill as an espousal of the principle of protective tariff, the Mississippi Senator said the way to relieve agriculture was by liberalizing the intermediate credit system to permit any farmer to borrow money at low interest to hold his crop for better prices.

The McNary bill, a revision of the McNary-Haugen equalization fee measure designed to gain wider support while retaining the fundamental elements of that proposal, was introduced yesterday in the Senate, but was held out of the House proper pending an agreement among proponents on a name for it and on certain of its provisions.

Agriculture committees of both houses are expected to begin hearings on the measure next month.

Under the Harrison bill, the capital stock of the 12 intermediate credit banks would be increased from $5,000,000 to $10,000,000 each, with authority for each to make loans up to ten times its capital stock.

The interest rate would be fixed at 4 per cent and loans could be made on 85 per cent of the market value of the product. The present law requiring the intermediate banks to lend only to co-operative organizations would be broadened to permit the banks to make loans to individuals, firms and corporations, with warehouse receipts or shipping documents as security.

All agricultural products are included in the bill with a particular provision for cotton, authorizing loans on all grades, including low grades that are now barred from loans.

"A great emergency now exists and every reasonable credit should be extended by the Government to aid and assist", Senator Harrison declared.

"I am against the McNary-Haugen bill because it seeks to perpetuate the protective tariff principle upon the country. There can be no doubt that agriculture today is the one industry that languishes. The condition is due primarily to the protective tariff system.

"The purchasing power of the farmers' dollar today is around 65 cents, while that of other industries fostered by the protective tariff is from $2 to $2.25. If the present tariff system should continue, that disparity will continue to widen. Instead of the South and the agricultural West wanting to perpetuate it, as is done in the McNary-Haugen bill, those of every section interested in agriculture ought to make a common bar against the system".

A move by Representative Howard (Dem.) of Nebraska to have the House devote half its time until the Christmas adjournment to farm relief was blocked today by Chairman Snell of the Rules Committee.

Representative Aswell, of Louisiana, ranking Democrat on the Agriculture Committee, announced today he would oppose the McNary bill because it would provide for the collection of an equalization fee, on basic farm commodities.

W. I. Drummond, a member of the farm Congress which recently met in Kansas City, called on President Coolidge today with a new proposal for meeting the situation.

Drummond said a bill would be introduced soon to establish a Federal farm surplus board, with a revolving fund of $100,000,000 which it would loan to co-operative farm organizations for the purpose of buying surpluses in non-perishable commodities for storage and disposal.

Stabilization of cotton prices by curtailing reports from the Department of Agriculture of probable production estimates were considered today by the House Agriculture Committee.

The committee took up the Jones blil, which would eliminate the present semimonthly estimates beginning in July and require the department to make only four reports during the season, one each on the 1st of September, October, November and December.

Concerning the value of accuracy of the Government reports, Representative Black (Dem.) of Texas told the committee that frequency of the estimates was "demoralizing rather than stabilizing the cotton industry", and has caused violent fluctuation in prices.

Repsentative Fort (Rep.) of New Jersey wanted to know whether frequent reports did not actually limit speculation because they eliminated uncertainty "which is what speculation feeds on".

Black replied that "no propaganda the cotton bears could have advanced would have been better than the Government reports. He added that the reports were necessary to balance private estimates, but that frequency of them resulted in a constant unsteadiness of the market.

The committee will continue the hearing tomorrow.

Rev. H. L. Saunders will preach at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, taking as his sermon the subject: "The Greatness of Jesus Christ".

Milton Blanton expects to arrive home for the holidays from Atlanta. Ga., Sunday morning. Boys and girls at school in other cities will follow soon after.

Mrs. John Harper entertained the folowing gueslts with a birthday dinner Sunday for her son, Ernest: Albert Bruton, Johnny Welter, Mr. and Mrs. Ichy Arthur and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sensenbaugh.

Private Elmer J. Ulen of the Signal Corps, lone operator and in charge of the army radio station in the little town of Wiseman, at 68 degrees north latitude, in the interior fo Alaska, is also U. S. commissioner, postmaster and head of the school board. He lives in the best house in town and is regarded by the community as its leading citizen.

JURY ACQUITS FALL AN DOHENY IN OIL

Washington, December 16.—Albert B. Fall and Edward L. Doheny were acquitted today of the conspiracy charge which grew out of the Senate oil disclosures. Nineteen hours after the case was placed in its hands, a jury in criminal court here decided there had been no proof of criminal conspiracy in the oil-leasing negotiations of 1921 and 1922, resulting in the award of government leases to Doheny interests while Fall was secretary of the interior, and after Doheny had sent him $100,000 in a little black satchel.

The verdict was returned a few minutes after Justice Moehling had reconvened court after an overnight recess. Receiving no word from the jury room up to the time he opened the day's session, the judge indicated that if no verdict was reached he would hold the jurymen over another night at least.

Five minutes later, however, a message came to the bench that an agreement had been reached. The jurymen filed into the box and at 10:07 a. m. their foreman announced a verdict of acquittal. The case had been placed in the hands of the 12 men at 2:47 p. m. yesterday and when they still were unable to agree at 10 o'clock last night, Justice Hoehling had declared a recess until 10 a. m.

"The verdict ended the conspiracy proceedings against the former cabinet official and the oil magnate, since no appeal is possible. Both still are under indictment for bribery, however, as a result of the $100,000 transaction. Their counsel believes that charge will not be pressed, but the prosecution indicated today that no decision to drop the bribery charge had been reached.

Fall and Harry Sinclair, with whom he also negotiated an oil lease, also are under both conspiracy and bribery charges.

The defendants and their relatives received the verdict with undisguised emotion. Mrs. Fall wept in happiness, given way unashamed before the crowded court room.

Fall himself said his confidence in the courts "had been justified".

"I have said all along that I would leave it to the courts and that I had confidence in them", he said. "I have never liked to try a case in the newspapers, and I have nothing else to say now".

Doheny said he was "gratified" and that "the ordeal has been a terrible one".

"After a lifetime of honorable effort, I have seen my principal work, which was to make a good name to hand to my son and my grandchildren, almost destroyed", he said. "I hope that the American people, whose belief in trial by jury amounts almost to a religion, will accept the verdict of this typically Ameri an jury".

History of Oil Scandal

May 31, 1921—President Harding transferred the oil reserve from the navy to the interior department.

November, 1921—Edward L. Doheny sent $100,000 to Interior Secretary Albert B. Fall.

April, 1922—Doheny's Pan-American Petroleum and Transport Company was awarded the Pearl Harbor oil contract, carrying a clause giving it "preferential rights" on future leases in the Elk Hills oil reserve.

December, 1922—Doheny's Pan-American Company was awarded a lease to the Elk Hills reserve.

March, 1923—Fall resigned as secretary of the interior.

January, 1924—Doheny told the Senate oil committees he advanced Fall $100,000 as a private loan.

February, 1294—Secretary of the Navy, Denby, who, with Fall, had approved the leases, resigned from the cabinet.

May, 1925—Fall and Doheny were indicted for criminal conspiracy in the District of Columbia.

May, 1925—Federal court in Los Angeles invalidated Elk Hills lease, a decision subsequently affirmed , by the court of appeals and now on appeal to the Supreme Court.

November 22, 1926—Trial of Fall and Doheny began in Washington.

December 16, 1926—Defendants acquitted.

NATIONAL GUARD NOTES

Wednesday night Major H. E. Dudley and Staff Sergeant Jackson visited Co. L at Doniphan. The Company had a drill attendance of three officers and forty men. At a recent drill of this organization one man walked 18 miles to get to town for drill. He was on time, too. Men with this sort of spirit are certain to make excellent soldiers if called upon in a time of National emergency.

All organizations of the 140th Infantry are preparing for the annual armory inspection which will take place early in February. Company K is working for a high rating. The general rating received at the 1926 armory inspection was "Very Satisfactory". This is the highest rating which can be given, and can only be obtained by hard work on the part of each officer and enlisted man.

Lt. Col. R. E. Truman of the 140th Infantry visited the Service Company and Headquarters Company 3rd Battalion at Cape Girardeau on last Monday, and expressed himself as being well pleased with the conditions which he found.

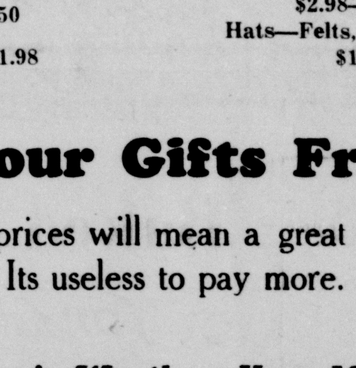
The Lutherans will have services at Miner Switch Sunday morning at 10:30. Text, John 1, 15-16. Theme: "A Lesson On Jesus, the Promised Messiah, by John the Baptist". All are welcome.—E. H. Koerber, Pastor.

Jefferson City—Work to start soon on new Missouri Hotel in this city.

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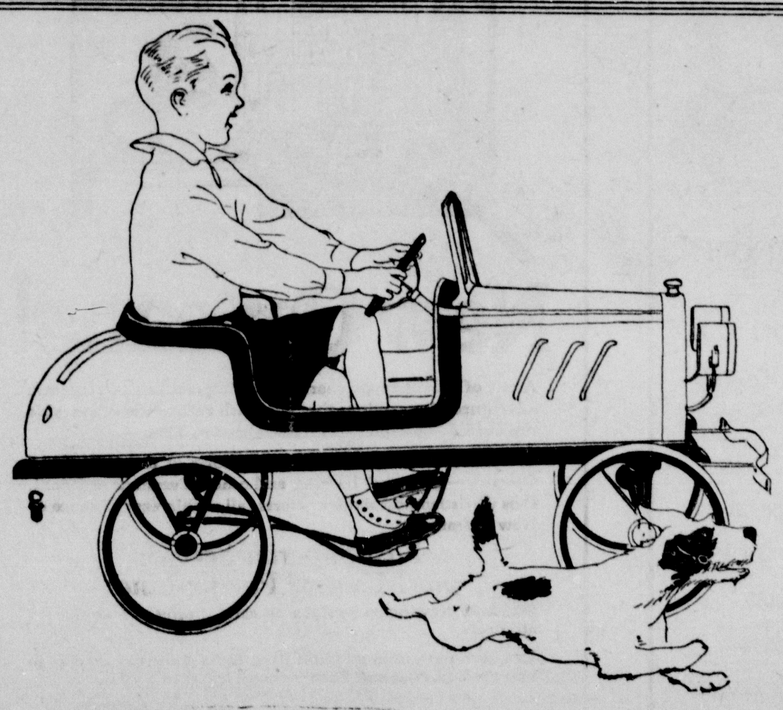
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JASPER N. GRANT DIES OF PNUEMONIA

Jasper N. Grant, well known Scott County farmer, died of pneumonia, Wednesday morning at his home 3 miles north of Vanduser. Mr. Grant had been ill for only a week having contracted the disease on a trip to town in the rain which drenched his clothes and gave him chills, pneumonia following. He is survived by his wife and seven children.

Mr. Grant was born in Arkansas, February 3, 1858; lying December 15, 1926, at the age of 68 years, 10 months and 12 days. He moved to Scott County in his youth and has been farming in this county for many years. Up until two years ago, he had been farming on the John Hunter farm, eight miles north of Sikeston. Since then, he has been farming on his farm near Vanduser.

Mr. Grant was married nearly fifty years ago, his wife, Mrs. Victoria Grant, and seven children surviving Two children are dead. The living children are: Mrs. Louisa Thacker, Cape Girardeau; Lucy Grant, living at home; Luttie Mason, Sikeston; Myrtle Mason, Oran; Ernest Grant, a farmer eight miles from Sikeston. Elmer Grant, a farmer near Sikeston. Effie Grant, a student at Cape Girardeau Teachers College.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Richwood Church. The body will be buried in the Carpenter Cemetery.

Mr. Grant was one of the county's most prominet farmers and The Standard joins the many friends of the family in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

JUSTRITE OIL COMPANY IS HANDLING NEW GAS

The Justrite Oil Company this week began the sale of a new high-powered gasoline which they will handle exclusively. This gas gives greatly increased power, eliminates carbon troubles and gives such mileage that Alpha Jennings says, after "filling up your tank and running for twenty miles on it, you have to stop and bail out the overflow". And power, well, he says "you have to have four wheel brakes to go up hills when you use this gasoline", which has a high specific gravity rating of 60-62. With this new type of gasoline, the Justrite has taken the agency for the high-grade Pencoil Lubricants.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin McMullin wil spent the holidyas with relatives and friends in Sikeston.

Guests of the Married Couples Dance Club Monday night were Mr. and Mrs. Felix Robbins of New Madrid and Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Anderson of Commerce.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO HAVE TEN DAYS OFF XMAS

The Sikeston Public Schools will have a ten-day Christmas vacation, school dismissing for the holidays at the close of the day, Thursday, December 23, the children returning to their classes, Monday, January 23. Most of the teachers, who live in towns other than Sikeston, are planning to spend the holidays at their homes.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR WOMAN'S BENEFIT ASS'N.

Officers for the Woman's Benefit Association of Sikeston were elected for the coming year, Monday night, as follows: Commander, Mrs. Gussie Cole; lieutenant commander, Mrs. Minnie Anderson; past commander, Mrs. Matilda Crutchfield; chaplain, Mrs. Bertha Kilgore; collector, Mrs. Birdie Fox; record keeper, Mrs. Essie Carter; lady-at-arms, Mrs. Maggie Nichols; sergeant, Mrs. Arrie Singleton; sentinel, Mrs. Jessie McElroy; picket, Mrs. Hattie Beal; captain of guards, Mrs. Frances Moody.

The remaining officers are to be elected at the next meeting, Monday, December 27.

The junior members of the Baptist Sunday School will have a Christmas party at the church, Friday night .

We shan't mention any names, but a certain clerk in a store making some claim to selling up-to-date merchandise and garments, whose clothes have the appearance of being resurrected from a period at least 10 yeas back, was walking down the street towards the store in which he was employed. He passed a group of men in which was a stranger from another town. The stranger started like he might have if he'd seen a mummy step out of it's case and start walking away. "For goodness sakes, who is the curiosity", he asked?

"Ho, that?" replied one of the men to whom the clerk was no longer a novelty. "He's the clerk in a store down there".

"A clerk, dressed like that? What does his boss mean"?

"Hmmpp, his boss looks worse than he does".

"For goodness sakes, what kind of store do they run?"

"Up-to-date ready to wear clothing".

No wonder the stranger had to be supported.

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The Standard wishes at this time to extend its sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. George Dye on the loss of their home and hotel. Mrs. Dye had by diligence and close application to her work built up a splendid reputation for her establishment and the manner in which it was conducted. It is a hard thing to see the work of one's hearn and hand swept aside in a few moments, as did Mrs. Dye, and then have the fortitude to smile and calmly set about planning and rebuilding. We feel that this courage is an inspiration to the community which we are certain joins us in sympathizing with the Dyes in their misfortune.

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We wouldn't say that The Standard carries more advertising in its pages this week than any other paper in Southeast Missouri, but we're willing to wager that we lead the field in amount of boiler plate used.

SPECIAL XMAS MUSIC AT METHODIST CHURCH

A double quartette will render special music at the Methodist church at the morning and evening services, Sunday. The special numbers provided for, include for the morning, "Sing of Heaven", by Clark and "There Are Shepherds", by Marks.

In the evening, the quartetet will sing, "There's a Song in the Air", by Holland. The members of the quartette are: Sopranos, Mrs. L. L. Contazer and Miss Lillian Shields; contraltos, Misses Helen Hess and Lottie Dover; tenors, Oscar Carroll and Wilbur Ensor; basses, Harry Dover and Ralph Anderson.

Mrs. H. J. Welsh will preside at the organ. Sunday, December 26, the choir will be assisted by Miss Honora Bailey of Philadelphia.

MARKET REPORTS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, '26

Chicago hogs, receipts, 32,000; tops, 11.55; St. Louis hogs, receipts, 8,500; tops, 11.85.

No. 2 red wheat	1.23
No. 2 white corn	.55
No. 2 yellow corn	.58
No. 2 mixed corn	.54

Cotton	Open	Close
January	12.23	12.02
March	12.44	12.28
May	12.68	12.69
July	12.89	12.69
December	12.60	12.80

YOUTH HELD AS ACCOMPLICE IN RECENT CAR THEFT

Sam Rodgers, who, with Claud McIntosh was charged with stealing the Chevrolte roadster belonging to Harley Mathis, December 8, was bound over to Circuit Court by Judge Myers at a preliminary hearing on Thursday.

Rodgers plead not guilty, claiming that he had no knowledge of the thef and was unaware of the fact that the car was stolen. McIntosh sustained him in his claim, but Judge Myers held the evidence to be such that Rodgers might reasonably be found to have been accomplice of McIntosh, holding him over on that ground. Rodger's bail was placed at $300.

BAPTIST CHURCH DINNER HELD WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The dinner held at the Baptist church, Wednesday night for the purpose of raising money to apply on church indebtedness was successful, more than $150 being raised. An excellent feed was enjoyed by everyone present and an evening of fun was participatd in afterwards.

Mrs. E. E. Hudson and children, Melba and Edward, will leave Sunday for Tulsa, Okla., where they will spent Christmas with relatives.

The Russell-Bradley Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, met at the church Monday afternoon in regular session. Mesdames John Russell and Clem Marshall were hostesses.

NEGRO BOUND OVER TO CIRCUIT COURT FOR THEFT

James Hunley, a negro, charged with stealing $35 worth of tires from the Hudson-Essex garage on the night of December 6, was bound over to Circuit Court by Judge Smith at his preliminary hearing Thursday.

Geo. Anding and Robert Southern were sent by Chillicothe Business College to Parco, Wyo. last week at $160.00 a month as telegraph operators for the Producers & Refiners Oil Corporation.

The Junior Missionary Society of the Methodist church will entertain with a Christmas party Tuesday night at the church.

Miss Honora Bailey, who has been studying music in Philadelphia, Penn., will arrive in Sikeston Wednesday for the holidays. She will be accompanied home by her father, Congressman R. E. Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Emory Baker of Evanston, Ill., are expected to spend hte holidays with relatives in Sikeston.

W. J. Milem, Benjamin Schetter of Kelso and Miss Helen Boardman motored to Poplar Bluff, Taskee, Lutesvile, Marble Hill, Jackson and Cape Girardeau last Sunday. All reporting a most enjoyable time.

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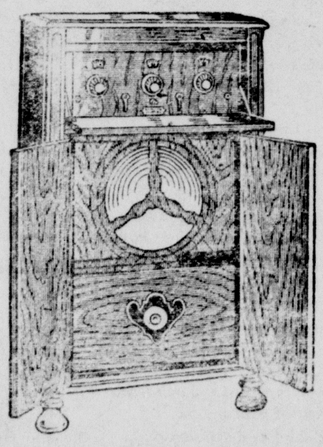
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But you can tell the kind of person by the things he longs for.

So, if I had just one wish and knew it would be gratified—

I wouldn't wish for a luxurious motor car that would go a mile a minute;

Or a trip to Europe or a cruise to southern seas;

Or a strong box full of securities that might slump in value;

Or a wardrobe of beautiful clothes that would be out-of-date next year:

But I'd Wish For a Home

Where my family could have the freedom and security only a home can give. It might be a home of average size and cost.

I'd have the pride anyone has who owns the best there is.

But, anyway, my first thought would be of my family.

And the position in the community of the family that owns its home.

STILL—there's no need to talk about wishing for a home when the way is easy and open.

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Lore for Dog-Owners

By Albert Payson Terhune

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Tie Around His Neck the Next Chicken He Kills and Leave It Hanging There for Three or Four Days.

THE air was fresh from a furious little thunderstorm which had swept Vine street. Old Man Negley climbed the steps of the Veller porch, where sundry of the street's dog-owners were waiting to get his advice on their canine pets' hot weather condition.

"Nice thunderstorm we had," commented the old man, as he sat down on the topmost step. "My three dogs told me it was coming, long before there was a cloud in the sky."

"I suppose they consulted their barometer," ventured Mrs. Pahl with elaborate sarcasm.

"Yes'm," returned Old Man Negley, simply, "that's just what they did. Anyone who has made a study of dogs can tell, hours beforehand, when a thunderstorm is coming up. 'Specially if one of the dogs happens to be scared of thunder."

"How?" challenged Pete Veller.

"For one thing," answered the old man, "a dog's breathing apparatus and a dog's nerves are geared different from yours and mine. There's a sort of breathlessness, just before a thunderstorm, that even us humans can notice. The dogs notice it a long time before it gets strong enough to reach us.

"They pant; and they get restless; and those of them that hate thunder stay close to their masters and want to be in the house. Anyone who's made a study of it can tell in a single glance at them.

"By the way, we were speaking, last night, about long-haired dogs shedding their coats in hot weather. You folks who own collies and chows and setters, and the like, can help them a lot by remembering to give them a good hard brushing with a good hard brush, every single day.

"That gets rid of a mass of the dead hair that otherwise would fall all over the floor and the chairs. And it stimulates the skin and helps the new coat to come in. It's a big saving, all around.

"Don't yank out the tufts of dead hair with a comb. If you do, you're liable to tear loose some of the new undercoat. Use a stiff brush; and use it hard. If there are tangles don't pull at them. Untangle them; as you'd untangle a snarl in a child's hair.

"It will take a little longer; but it'll mean all the difference in the world to your dog's next year's coat.

"Miss Cressan, you were asking me how to feed those three-month-old pointer puppies of yours. You said they turn up their noses at all the new-fangled prepared foods you've been getting for them. Some dogs do that.

"The only value of any prepared food is whole wheat, plus whatever amount of dried meat is ground up in it. Most pups like it. Some don't.

"I'll tell you a great secret about feeding puppies and grown dogs, too. I learned it forty years ago when I owned my first litter of pups.

"They were finicky eaters. I tried them on everything that anybody suggested to me. It didn't do much good. Then my wife gave me the idea. She said:

"'Jim, whatever is good for a human child is good for a dog child. I've got sense enough to know that. We feed our own children on bread and milk. Try it on the pups.'

"Well, I tried it. Those puppies just fairly wallowed in bread and milk. They grew husky and strong and there never was any more finicky eating.

"I feed it to puppies and I fed it to grown dogs, too. It's the one diet, so far as I ever could find out, that no dog ever gets tired of, after he's once accustomed to it and the one diet that never makes him sick and that keeps him strong and hearty.

"I feed my big dogs a little meat and a bone or two twice or three times a week, and the rest of the time I give them bread and milk. Stale bread scraps and milk."

Mr. Cooley, your cook got mad at me, last week, when I stopped her from giving your airedale a plateful of chicken bones. But maybe I saved the dog's life, at that.

"A dog can get away with poultry bones once in a while, without their killing him. But soon or late they'll murder him.

"More dogs have been killed by eating poultry bones than by poison. The slivers cut into the stomach or throat or intestines as no other kind of bones do.

"It's a funny thing that foxes and wolves and coyotes can eat chickens or turkeys or ducks, bones and all, and not be harmed, while it's death to a dog. I think it's propably because wild animals eat the bones raw, and dogs eat them after the fowl has been cooked. The cooking makes the bones brittle and dangerous.

"Wasn't it you, Colonel Prouse, who asked me how to cure your pup of killing chickens? The best way I know of is to tie around his neck the next chicken he kills and leave it hanging there for three or four days.

"In hot weather like this the pup will have all he wants of the chicken's company by that time, and the chances are that he's going to leave chickens alone in the future.

"Speaking of feeding—dogs are like us humans in another way. More of them die from overeating than from undereating. A dog over a year old needs only one meal a day. One good big meal, at about the same time, every day. Best give it to him after sunset. A puppy, up to six months, ought to have three meals a day, and two meals a day after that till he's a year old.

"I've told you people the dark mysterious secret of feeding your dogs on bread and milk. Now let me tell you a still more mysterious medicine secret.

"If ever you have a dog that begins to seem out of sorts, in any way at all—whether he's off his feed or dull looking or whatever seems to all him—give him a big tablespoonful of plain castor oil. Three times out of four it will cure him. And it can't possibly hurt him. It's the grandest medicine on earth, both for dogs and for humans. (For my own part, I won't take the horrible stuff, but I've made many a dog and many a child take it, and they usually get well).

"Remember something else, too: If your dog doesn't improve right away after his dose of castor oil, send for the nearest first-rate veterinary you can find. It's bad economy to save a $3 veterinary fee by giving 'home treatment' to a $300 dog that's sick.

"A dessertspoonful of codliver oil a day is grand tonic and health builder, too, for any dog. Not an emulsion, but the plain unflavored codliver oil. Generally dogs like it. Generally they hate castor oil and you have to give it to them by force.

"Mr. Greer, you asked me what kind of bedding to put in your dog's kennel in summer. None at all. Leave the boards bare. In winter the best bedding is cedar shavings. They make his coat smell sweet and they scare off fleas. But in summer he doesn't need any bedding. On hot days don't scold him if he digs a hole in the cool loam of a flower border to lie in. It does him good and it keeps the heat from wearing him down."

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International Bridges

There are ten bridges over the Rio Grande where the same forms the boundary between the United States and Mexico, to wit: At El Paso, Texas, Santa Fe street bridge, Stanton street bridge, which are used for foot and passenger vehicles, and the street car line between the cities of El Paso and Juarez, Chihuahua; the Mexican Central railway bridge and the Mexican Northwestern railway bridge; at Del Rio, Texas, a temporary bridge used for foot and autobobile traffic; at Eagle Pass, Texas, a foot and vehicle bridge, and a railroad bridge; at Laredo, Texas, a foot and vehicle bridge and a railroad bridge; at Brownsville, Texas, a railroad bridge, which is also used for foot and vehicles.



AFTER a continuous fall of snow for over forty hours, the small town of Bethel was covered with a pure white mantle on the day before Christmas.

Over the hills the tinkling sound of sleigh bells was music upon the frosty air of the early winter morning as Judge John Wainwright looked out of the chamber window of his farmhouse. As he peered out of the little panes of glass with their tiny draperies of snow he saw Jasper Jones with his two-hitch plow breaking a way through the narrow Main street of the town, while an occasional salute of "Good mornin', Jasper!" came from neighbors as they shoveled paths from their gateposts.

"Reckon we'll have a real Christmas—snow nearly two feet deep—came down pretty heavy!" remarked Jasper.

The words "a real Christmas," with the sound of sleigh bells, rang all day long in the ears of Judge Wainwright, even after he had finished his supper in company with his wife and son Roland. "Rolley" and his wife, Marion, lived with Judge and Mrs. Wainwright. Marion, being somewhat ill in her room, was unable to join in the evening meal.

After supper Judge Wainwright climbed the handsomely carved old colonial staircase, and when he had reached the seat on the landing he sat for a moment on the red velvet cushion to glance down at the hall with the tall clock ticking merrily and the log fire snapping happily, its rosy glow painting the white walls and their decorations of greenery—such a picture! And the Christmas joy of the olden days came to him. He had romped on these same stairs with a happy heart, with his sister Lucy at his heels. Yes, Lucy—there was the one shadow on the joys of Christmas Eve. Lucy had married against the wishes of her family, and as a result none of the family were on speaking



Looked Out of the Dormer Window Upon the Night.

terms with her. Lucy, a widow, feeble, but graceful in her age of seventy-five years, lived in the little cottage on the Wainwright estate, cut off with a very slight income by the will of her father, John Wainwright.

Judge Wainwright went up to his study and looked out of the dormer window upon the night. The sky was clear and a large star shone brightly above the distant hill of pine trees and all the other stars seemed to twinkle happily about it. The loveliness of the landscape charmed him, and, relaxing from any other thoughts, he turned the light very low and lay upon a couch near the window.

When a loud knock upon the door startled him he realized he had fallen asleep and the excited voice of Sarah, the colored maid, called to him that "Missus Marion done took very sick."

It was the midnight hour when Judge Wainwright again stood by his study window and glanced out again into the night. The big star was high and luminous and long beams seemed to stream from it as it hung aloft, over the little town of Bethel. A new joy had come into the judge's heart, for a new-born babe had come into the home. And as he turned from the window he glanced at a pictured motto on the wall, placed there by his own mother. It read: "Blessed Are the Peacemakers, for They Shall Be Called the Children of God." Speedily the bitterness toward poor Lucy which had been in his heart for so many years had departed and the tears came to his eyes. He determined then to make the grandest peace upon the Christmas day. He would call upon Lucy himself, ask for her forgiveness and announce the glad tidings of a son—a most glorious gift bestowed by God in the old Wainwright homestead. It was a day of real Christmas rejoicing, upon which the spirit of the man who said "Peace upon earth" rested and the little town of Bethel had its share in the advent of a new citizen—John Wainwright, III."

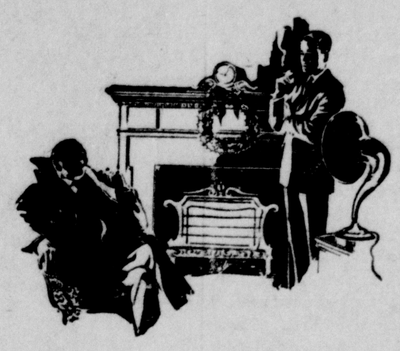
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American Santa Claus

The American Santa Claus is a corruption of the Dutch San Nicholas. G. H. McHughes says: "Santa Claus, the name derived from Saint Nicholas through the familiar use of children in Teutonic countries, crossed to America. The direct route followed by him is somewhat open to question. On the way he traded his gray horse for a reindeer and made changes in his appearance."



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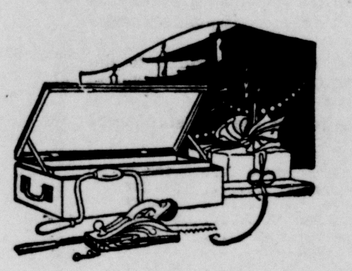


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Hot and Cold Jug	Razors and Strops
Vacuum Bottles	Campers Axe
Trunks	Hand Saw
Traveling Bags	Auto Tool Kit
Screw Driver	Watches
Hammer	Hunting Knife
Pliers	Tool Chest
Gun Case	Auto Horn

POCKET KNIVES

Whether he is a young man of 7 or 70 he will appreciate one of these high grade pocket knives. We have them in the new celluloid handles also the regular line of pearls and stag.

CHILDREN'S WAGONS

The most popular of all Christmas Gifts—The style illustrated is the most popular wagon on the market. We also have other styles and sizes at prices to suit.

TOY AUTOMOBILES

Every child wants one and why shouldn't they, do you know of anything that will give the children more pleasure. See our line. Several Styles for your selection in a wide range of prices.



STAINLESS STEEL CUTLERY

The ideal Christmas gift. See our complete line priced slightly higher than carbon steel cutlery but worth considerably more.

Useful Gifts for Women

Roasters	Clocks
Bridge Lamps	Casseroles
Floor Lamps	Scissors asd Shears
Table Lamps	Stainless Steel Carvers
Bird Cages	Stainless Steel Steak Knives
Sewing Machine	Stainless Steel Cutlery
Vacuum Cleaner	Silverware
Refrigerator	Nut Picks and Cracks
Ice Cream Freezer	Pyrex Cooking Ware
Percolators	Aluminum Ware
Coleman Lamp	O'Cedar Mop
Wardrobe Trunk	Dazey Churn
Traveling Bag	Flashlight
Suit Cases	Electric Iron
Electric Toasters	Food Chopper
Electric Percolators	Mixing Bowls
Electric Heaters	Electric Curler
Carpet Sweeper	Range

WATCHES

When in doubt about a gift for him—Remember a watch is always acceptable. Range of prices to suit.

ELECTRIC LIGHT OUTFITS

Brighten up the Christmas Tree, with an Electric Light Outfit—(No fire hazard). Each set packed in a gift box.

ROLLER SKATES

High grade ball bearing skates, self contained ball bearing wheels—The appreciated gift for boy or girl.
See our skates before you buy.

Sensible Gifts for Children

Roller Skates	Pop Gun
Toy Automobile	Air Rifles
Velocipedes	Boy's Wagon
Kiddie Kars	Tennis Racket
Scooter	Pocket Knives
Bicycle	Watches
Boy's Barrow	Toy Tool Chest
Scooter Bike	Scroll Saw
Lunch Kits	Flashlight
Dietz Sport Lanterns	Silverware Set
Boxing Gloves	Ice Skates
Basketball	Bicycle Lamp
Striking Bag	Scout Axe
Football	Scout Knife
Baseball Glove	Hammer
Croquet Sets	Sleds
Saw	Games

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Farris-Jones Hardware and Grocery Company

THE *WINCHESTER* STORE

CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

The basketball season will open Friday night, when the high school plays a double header with Matthews at the local gym.

Dr. C. H. Pease is becoming widely known as an authority on Indian relics. A special feature article in the Globe-Democrat Sunday told of some of his discoveries.

Dr. I. H. Dunaway has installed a new radio. There will be no more lonesome vigils for Mrs. Dunaway.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Fisher entertained with a dinner and bridge party the following guests, Tuesday evening: Dr. and Mrs. I. H. Dunaway, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sarff, Philip Banks, Mrs. Josephine Hart, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Teal and Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Edwards.

W. R. Griffin was in Puxico, Tuesday, on business.

E. L. Crumpecker was in St. Louis Monday, transacting business.

Mrs. John Himmelberger was in Cape Girardeau the first of the week attending a party and returned home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Banks and family of Dexter were here Sunday and spent the day with their son, Philip. Jess Banks remained through the week to assist Phillip in the store during the holiday rush.

Miss Vera Edwards is in New Madrid visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lacy, formerly of Morehouse.

Wil Scott of Sikeston was a business visitor in this city, Tuesday.

Scalloped parsnips may be new to your family. Cook the parsnips in their skin in lightly salted water about 20 or 30 minutes. Drain, scrape off the outer skin, split lengthwise, pull out any woody cores, and place in a shallow baking dish. Cover with a white sauce made with butter, flour and milk. Cover the top with bread crumbs, mixed with melted butter, and bake in a moderate oven until the parsnips are heated and the crumbs are brown.

Don't forget to serve cottage cheese once in a while to your family, whether by itself or as a spread for sandwiches in combination with other flavors, such as green pepper, pimento, olives, nuts or preserves, or as an ingredient of a salad, or in balls accompanying salads. You can make various cooked dishes with cottage cheese, too. Savory rolls are substantial enough for a main dish, and old-fashioned Dutch cheese cake is a favorite dessert with a foundation of cottage cheese.

New and Beautiful 5 Tube Console Radio with but one Control and Built-in Musicone



Beautiful solid mahogany cabinet, with built-in Musicone and compartment for batteries.

$75

CROSLEY 5-75

This is a new five-tube radio, with single drum station selector, all-metal shielded chassis and power tube adaptability. Consists of two stages of non-oscillating radio frequency amplification, regenerative, Crescendon controlled detector and two stages of audio frequency amplification.

For Sale by

MATTHEWS GARAGE
Malone Avenue
Phone 171

JUDGE DECIDES FIFTY-ONE MILES SAFE



Typical Style of Western Bus.

E. P. Middleton, judge of Urbana, Ohio, is getting not only a liberal amount of publicity for himself, but his desk is stacked high with letters asking for copies of a recent ruling made by him that a speed of 51 miles an hour was not unsafe. In fact, he said it was just about right for safety, but, of course, it depended wholly upon other conditions.

The ruling was made in the case of the state of Ohio against the driver of a bus operating between Lima and Urbana. The driver was arrested by two officers, who, happened to be passengers, and who swore the speed attained "part of the time" was 51 miles an hour. The driver, E. A. Larrick, was indicted, tried and found not guilty.

Judge Middleton held that "a driver may go 45 miles an hour and still not be guilty of speeding, if the pavement is dry, the road clear and the car in good mechanical condition.

"If a driver were to pass a school house at recess time at a speed greater than 15 miles per hour he might be found guilty of traveling too fast, but with a clear, wide roadway ahead, without curves, and a car mechanically perfect, 51 miles an hour is not in excess of the so-called lawful or legal limit."

REGISTRATION ESTIMATE FOR 1926 SHOWS SLIGHT INCREASE

Revised registration figures reported to the bureau of public roads, Department of Agriculture, show an increase of 1,927,141 vehicles registered during the first six months of 1926 as compared with the corresponding period of 1925, an increase of 10.8 per cent.

Total motor vehicle registration for the six months, according to the revised figures, was 19,697,832 vehicles. This is 118,064 in excess of the figures published July 29 in Motor Age.

The following are the revised registration figures for the first six months of 1926, covering cars and trucks:

Alabama	197,602	New Hampshire	78,979
Arizona	64,165	New Jersey	575,237
Arkansas	177,235	New Mexico	46,571
California	1,459,570	New York	1,562,492
Colorado	225,810	North Carolina	*371,353
Connecticut	238,727	North Dakota	144,079
Delaware	40,303	Ohio	1,370,756
Florida	407,777	Oklahoma	490,000
Georgia	238,618	Oregon	195,641
Idaho	84,161	Pennsylvania	1,326,682
Illinois	1,217,265	Rhode Island	96,652
Indiana	690,704	South Carolina	151,012
Iowa	648,282	South Dakota	155,763
Kansas	433,561	Tennessee	227,775
Kentucky	247,104	Texas	904,050
Louisiana	216,500	Utah	81,830
Maine	128,466	Vermont	62,899
Maryland	227,491	Virginia	277,125
Massachusetts	627,736	Washington	326,500
Michigan	992,178	West Virginia	183,788
Minnesota	574,356	Wisconsin	590,797
Mississippi	180,030	Wyoming	44,367
Missouri	583,450	District of Columbia	89,867
Montana	92,340		
Nebraska	329,669	Total	19,697,832
Nevada	20,527		

*All states but North Carolina report details for the first six months, 1926. North Carolina has registration year ending June 30, which full year is used here.

WAR ON SCHOOL CHILDREN LIFTS

Warnings Issued Against Dangerous Practice.

Almost simultaneously Traffic Commissioner Donahue of Washington, D. C., and the American Automobile association came forward with timely warnings to motorists against the dangerous practice of giving "pick up" rides to children on their way to and from school.

The traffic commissioner branded the practice as a breeder of street accidents in which children, playing on the big-heartedness of the motorist, are often the victims.

The least that usually happens, Donahue declares, is a nasty traffic snarl created by the distraction resulting from a child's cry for a lift and the interruption of the flow of traffic as the "big-hearted" motorist snakes his way toward the curb in an effort to gratify the wish of the child.

Cause of Accidents.

"Hundreds of accidents are caused annually because children do not realize that this practice constitutes one of the gravest of highway hazards and parents and motorists should concentrate their energies on discouraging this habit which seems to be manifesting itself on a constantly larger scale," the A. A. A. national headquarters declared.

Appeal to Parents.

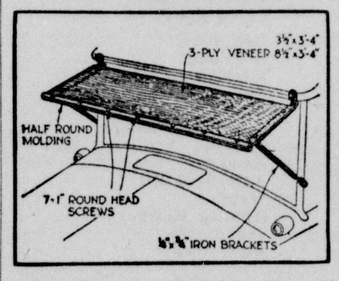
In the opinion of both Donahue and officials of the national motoring body, the problem calls for full co-operation on the part of parents and motorists. Neither, they declare, can afford to shirk responsibility in the matter. Teachers, too, can do much toward discouraging the child from taking such risks.

Turn Spare Tire

Realizing that the rear of the car is the wrong place to carry a spare tire, the efficient car owner at least tries to make the best of it. That is why he makes it a point to turn the spare around now and again, so that one side of the tire will not always be exposed to the mud, water and oil from the roads. If the tire carrier is such that the spare must hang in the same position all the time, at least the shoe can be turned.

Veneer Most Excellent for Making a Sun Vizor

The illustration shows how to make a simple sun vizor. Three-ply veneer is excellent, as it is light and warps little.. After you have bent the brackets out of ¼ by ¾-inch iron, cut the veneer to the right size and fasten it in place. Two small strips of molding along the front edge, as shown, will greatly improve the appearance, and dark green lacquer makes an excellent finish.—Popular Science Monthly.



A Sun Vizor You Can Make Yourself Out of Materials That Are Not Hard to Obtain.

AUTOMOBILE FACTS

He isn't the "innocent pedestrian" after he has acquired the jay-walking habit.

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Almost anybody can own a car, but comparatively few have learned their driving lessons.

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When riding in somebody else's car, don't be a back-seat driver. Give him a chance to drive.

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The early bird catches something else if he lets his engine race and wakes up the neighbors.

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It's well they are building new highways, with the daredevil motor speeders acting as if they own the old.

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It's your real optimist who buys the car with the idea that he can let it remain idle until gasoline gets cheaper.

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Another reason airplaning is safer than motoring is because there is so much less fresh gravel to cause skidding.

What Kind of a Car Do You Want?

If you cannot find the exact car of your desire in our present stock, remember we are in the automobile business and that business is to get the kind of car you want. Let us know now what kind of car you want and we will have it for you Christmas.

1924 BUICK 4 TOURING
A No. 1 mechanical condition. Painted in any color or Duco to suit the purchaser.
LIBERAL G. M. A. C. TERMS

1923 SIX SIX CYLINDER BUICK TOURING
In good condition. Is mechanically perfect.
LIBERAL G. M. A. C. TERMS

1926 FORD TOURING
New paint job. Mechanically perfect.
LIBERAL G. M. A. C. TERMS

1925 FORD TOURING
New finish and A-1 mechanical condition.
LIBERAL G. M. A. C. TERMS

1925 DODGE BROS. SPORT TOURING
Just like new as to paint, upholstering and top, motor, etc. New rubber.
LIBERAL G. M. A. C. TERMS

1925 DODGE BROS. 4-DOOR SEDAN
Good tires, mechanically perfect. Has the appearance of a new car. Has been run very little.
LIBERAL G. M. A. C. TERMS

What Paint Job Do You Like?

Come in now, select the car you wish and leave the color combination of your choice with us. We will have the job ready for Christmas delivery.

SIKESTON IS BUYING *Christmas* Buicks

By six o'clock Saturday evening, December 11, four Buicks had been ordered for Christmas Morning delivery

Again Sikeston has approved the Buick Christmas idea. Again Buick is assured of a new record for Christmas delivery. And the answer is simple—Sikeston appreciates Buick qualities and approves Buick prices.

Make Yours a Happy Buick Christmas Family

Enjoy planning your big surprise. Go to bed the night before Christmas with the secret knowledge that daylight and Buick will bring a great and permanent joy to those you love. That's the Buick Christmas idea. And it's an idea that will pay you tremendous dividends in appreciation and personal pleasure.

Buicks for Christmas include the new 5-passenger two-door Sedan, fully equipped and delivered at

$1374

and twelve other closed Buick models at prices up to $2209

Phone 433

Taylor Auto Co.

Buick—Distrirutors—Cadillac

Sikeston, Mo.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a doll, a buggy, a set of play dishes, lots of fruit and nuts. I'll have my Christmas tree ready.

DORIS COMER

Dear Santa Claus

I want you to bring me for Xmas: Fire truck, train, cowboy suit, bed room slippers, cap, overcoat, gun, oranges, candy, nuts, so I guess this is all. Goodbye.

SAM FARMER

Ferguson—Work started on New Reidlinger block here.

FOR RENT—A modern house. Apply to Sikeston Mercantile.

FOR RENT—6-room house, lights. See John A. Matthews. 2tpd.

FOR RENT—6-room house, heat, water, electric lights, connections for electric range. Call 343.

FOR RENT—A furnished room at 105 South Street.

FOR RENT—4-room house and garage. Phone 416.—Mrs. John Hitt.

FOR RENT—Unfurnished 5-room apartment, strictly modern. Apply to Miss Margaret Hanner at Scott County Milling Co., or phone 441. tf.

FOR SALE—Eight fine building lots very reasonably priced. Five facing on North Kingshighway, three on Park. All in one block. Adjacent to sanitary sewerage. Inquire of Dr. H. J. Stewart, office Scott County Milling Company Building. tf.

FOR TRADE—6-room frame house, 2 story brick barn in DeSoto, Mo. International shoe factory there, also R. R. car shops, to trade for small farm near Sikeston. My property is clear, but I will assume on a trade.—W. A. Welch, box 491, Sikeston, Mo. 2tpd.

FOR RENT—18 acres of land, 7-room house, bath, light, water, west edge of Sikeston. See Casper Taylor, phone 436. 2tpd.

FARM FOR RENT—160 acres, good black land, free from stump and well improved, between Canalou and Kewanee. Write Edwin J. Faull, Kewanee, Illinois. 2t.

FOR RENT—9-room house, modern in every way, hot water, heat, etc.—Mrs. E. J. Keith.

LOST—A box-shaped black patent leather bag, containing keys, travellers ticket folder, calling cards, etc., last Thursday evening. Reward if returned to this office or Mrs. Paul H. Teal, Morehouse, Mo., box 38. 2t.

Children's Story Books

THE GIFT SHOP
DERRIS, The Druggist



The Place—Here
The Time—Now
TO

Buy Christmas Candies

Assurance of the finest Candies for your home on Christmas Day may be certain, if you come here now to make your selections. If you do not wish to spend the time, phone us your order and we will deliver it promptly.

Dudley's Confectionery
Sikeston, Mo.

REAL MUSIC—THAT

ATWATER KENT RADIO

Yes, Sir, with an Atwater-Kent Radio you can get real music—what better recommendation can you have when deciding upon which set to give your family Xmas Day.

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FRIDAY MORNING

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Gay Holiday Aprons



Here is a gift that everyone, from grandma down to the youngest subdeb, will rejoice in at Christmas time—and long thereafter. It is a gay and quaint pinafore, made of brilliant, flowered cretonne, bordered and finished with black sateen, and is prettiest in cretonnes having a black background with many-colored garden flowers blooming against it. The black sateen borders the bib and pockets and makes the long shoulder straps.

HOUSE MAY PROBE FORD'S CHARGE AGAINST JEWS

Washington, December 14.—Charges made in the Dearborn Independent, a publication owned by Henry Ford, that "the international Jew is in direct control of all financial centers of government, including the United States Federal Reserve System", will be made the subject of an invesigation by a committee of the House if the committee adopts a resolution introduced today by Representative Sol Bloom, a New York Democrat.

The resolution avers that the statement quote, if true, "presents grave charges concerning the operation of the government, the activities of the Federal Reserve System, and the Jewish people", and directs the appointment of a committee of seven members to determine their "truth or falsity". It provides that the committee shall be clothed with broad powers, including authority to compel the production of records and to enforce the attendance of witnesses who would be obliged to testify by oath or affirmation.

The resolution was referredto the Rules Committee, and Bloom will seek an early report to the House.

Fifty million acres of forest land should be acquired by the States, counties and municipalities, in addition to their present holdings of 11 million acres, says W. B. Greeley, Chief Forester, United States Department of Agriculture, and the Federal Government should add 8 or 10 million acres to its present forest area of 89 million acres.

On a Glasgow barque called the Balmore, a young ordinary seaman on his way aloft fell from close under the futtocks and landed on the deck, forty feet below, in a sitting posture. He sat there a moment, then rose to his feet and in somewhat dazed manner climbed back into the rigging and started aloft again. The mate swore at him, and ordered him down; telling him that he was blanked fool to start up again, that he ought to be blank blank glad to be alive, and that he'd better find out if his blank blank neck wasn't broken before he began going up again. He was however, quite unhurt.—Adventure Magazine.

SAME OLD FARM BILL IN AN ALTERED GOWN

Washington, December 14.—A new farm relief bill in last year's gown altered to fit this season's demand, appeared in the Senate today, but a controversy over whose name should grace it prevented its introduction in the House.

The measure, embodying the essential features of the McNary-Haugen bill, but shorn of most of its objectionable provisions, was offered by Senator McNary, Republican, Oregon, father of the bill which has weathered two years of stormy wrangling, and the new chairman of the Senate agricultural committee.

A companion bill was turned over to Representative Purnell, Republican, Indiana, and Representative Fulmer, Democrat, South Carolina, with a request from Senate farm leaders that they introduce it jointly, thus indicating support from the three great farming regions—far west, middle west and south. Both Purnell and Fulmer are members of the House agriculture committee.

Representative Purnell immediately expressed his complete approval of the measure, characterizing it "as the best farm relief bill yet to appear in Congress, but until he obtained the views of his superior on the agriculture committee—Chairman Haugen—he said he did not want it to go in with his name.

In similar terms, Representative Fulmer expressed the opinion that the new bill would draw additional votes from the south. He said he was willing to introduce the measure, but he wished to add a provision making the equalization fee not applicable to cotton for two years after passage.

Meanwhile, Chairman Haugen with-held final approval until opportunity for further study was afforded.

"I am certain that Senator McNary's bill is all that we hope for", he said, "but I wish to study it before I give my expression".

The bill is understood to embody the latest views of a substantial number of farm leaders in both houses.

Representative Dickinson, Republican of Iowa, a farm leader, said he considered the measure the most finished piece of legislation to ease the farm situation that could be devised.

Although basically a McNary-Haugen bill, the new measure is different in several important respects. The "tariff yardstick" advocated by Chairman Haugen, and the "fair and reasonable" price standards are missing. The new bill contains no reference to price-standards or price-levels. The nearest it comes to mentioning the tariff is in the declaration that one of its aims is to "preserve advantageous domestic marketing".

The much-discussed equalization fee remains, but it is assessed against 'each marketed unit", instead of against all producers. The fee may be collected in the discretion of the proposed federal farm board on the milling or processing, transportation or sale of a commodity.

Five basic commodities are affected, cotton, wheat, corn, rice and swine. Cattle and butter have been eliminated and rice appears for the first time as a result, the bill's sponsors claim of demands from southern rice interests.

There is authorized an appropriation of $250,000,000 to constitute a revolving fund from which loans may be made to commodity stabilization funds in anticipation of the collection of equalization fees. Loans may also be made from the revolving fund directly to co-operatives for handlnig the surplus. Both classes of loans must be repaid with interest.

The bill carries a new feature in the authorization of loans to co-operatives handling any commodity for 'controlling the surplus" without requiring an equalization fee. This is similar to loan features of the Fess and Tincher bills of the last session.

When Christmas Turkey Is Mentioned

Phone 344



No need to even take the time to come and select your own Turkey. Tell us the size bird you want, or the number of people you wish to serve, and we will do the rest. If you prefer other fowl, we have a good assortment.

ANDRES MEAT MARKET

"Jim Vaughn Cuts Our Meats"

SEEN ON FIFTH AVENUE

Among the new spring models are skirts in box pleats which are stitched more than half-way down the skirt.

Lace promises to be a popular trimming for daytime frocks in the coming season. It is used as yokes, vestees, collars and cuffs.

Two and three tone treatments are emphasized in incoming frocks. One attractive mode in blue introduces the lightest shade in the upper portion, the medium blue is below this, and the deep blue forms the main part of the dress. The sleeves embrace the three tones in a graduated treatment.

Genuine lizard is prophesied to maintain its place of importanse in the coming season's shoe styles.

A rather amusing fad is to have your stockings embroidered with a clock arrangement with the name of the college for which you are rooting. Crossed pennants in the college colors finish the clock.

A black georgette frock is trimmed with small roses. The bodice is bloused and the skirt has three narrow tiers.

A very youthful model consists of yellow crepe georgete with bloused bodice and scalloped tunic. The trimming is rows and rows of shirrings.

Five more Civil Service students of Chillicothe Business College have this month received appointments at $1320 a year, one at the Veterans' Hospital in Excelsior Springs, the other in Washington, D. C.

Noteworthy recent developments in the meat situation have been an increase in the beef supply and a decrease in pork production. Since 1921 beef supplies have risen steadily each year. In 1925 the total production of 7,146,000,000 pounds was almost exactly 1,000,000,000 pounds larger than the total for 1921. The enormous pork production in 1923 and in 1924 fell off more than 1,000,000,000 pounds in 1925, which means that upward of 10,000,000 fewer hogs were slaughtered in that year than in either 1923 or 1924.

WORK ON BRIDGE AT LOUISIANA, MO., BEGINS

Louisiana, Mo., December 14.—The first actual construction work in the erection of a $750,000 highway bridge across the Mississippi River here was begun today by the Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron Company of Leavenworth, Kan. A coffer dam near the Missouri side of the river was put down to form a base for pier No. 1. The contractors have extensive equipment with which to rush the work, which will be continued regardless of weather conditions.

The value of the annual catch of fur-bearing animals 25 years ago was roughly estimated at $25,000,000, says the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture. Today it is placed at more than $60,000,000 and even this figure would doubtless have been exceeded if the supply had been maintained. Serious students of conservation feel that the fur resources are not being given deserved attention.

The yearly production records of 20,000 dairy cows show that cows which produced 100 pounds of butterfat a year returned $10 each in income over cost of feed. Those that produced 300 pounds a year returned $74 each in income over cost of feed. When the production per cow was increased 3 times, the income over cost of feed was increased 7.4 times. These are averages and would not apply to any single herd, but the general advantage of increased profit as production is increased does hold true.

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CORN GROWERS ASK JARDINE'S REMOVAL

Des Moines, Ia., December 14.—Removal of Secretary Jardine of the Department of Agriculture was asked today by the Natoinal Corn Growers' Association, meeting here in annual convention.

A resolution adopted at the meeting read: "Believing that the Department of Agriculture was established to improve the condition of the man who produces food products, and to represent him as his spokesman for such legislation as the farmer considers helpful to his cause, we believe that the present Secretary of Agriculture should be replaced by some man whose practical training qualifies him to represent that section of the nation that produces 75 per cent of the nation's food".

The resolution also pledged the organization's support to the Farm Legislative Committee now active in Washington and extended sympathy to the cotton and tobacco growers, inviting them to assist in gaining suitable relief legislation.

NOTICE

Regular preaching services will be held by the pastor of the Canalou Methodist Church, at 11:00 o'clock Sunday, December 19.

Presiding Elder, A. C. Johnson, will preach Sunday afternoon. Following this service, a short business session will be held. Song and preaching services by the pastor at 7:00 o'clock Sunday evening.

Alton—Highway between Alton and Thayer being graded.

George Dempster has received notice from the State Board of Control that he has successfully passed the examinations and is now qualified to practice as a licensed embalmer. He went to St. Louis and took the examinations several weeks ago, but only was notified of his success Tuesday.

Although motor vehicle registrations and highway traffic have increased enormously in recent years and will doubtless continue to increase, highway officilas do not fear the development of a general condition of congestion or any breakdown in the roads constructed because of the increased traffic, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. Highway research and experience have developed types of pavement fully capable of withstanding present and expected future traffic.

MISSOURI INDUSTRIAL REVIEW NEWS

Louisiana—Work progressing on new traffic bridge over Mississippi rive at Louisian.

Columbia—Missouri Farmers' Week to be held at Missouri College of Agriculture, January 17-21.

Salem—Plans under way to locate another State Park in some North Missouri County.

Brookfield—State highway No. 36 between Brookfield and Macon being graveled.

Cottleville—New sidewalks being laid on several streets of town.

Blodgett—New road to be built through this town.

Pierce City—Work started on construction of new highway three miles west of city.

Skidmore—Roads in this vicinity to be repaired.

Rockville—Several carloads of hay shipped from here recently.

Unionville—North Main Street to be paved.

Butterfield—Mill being built here by A. Madison.

Carthage—Modern Woodmen of America moving to new quarters in McCormick and Ash Building.

Kirksville—Work started on new mine north of Kirksville.

Butler—Work nearing completion in 15-mile stretch of highway No. 71, extending from here to Rich Hlil.

Novelty—Carload potatoes shipped out by Farmers Exchange.

LaPlata—Branch hatchery to be established in this place.

Greentop—Work resumed at Adair Coal Company shaft, south of Greentop.

Shell Knob—New furniture factory here starts operations.

Bethany—Bethany Steam Laundry moves to its new building here.

Seybert—Carload of hogs shopped from here recently.

Arcola—Contract let for grading highway north of this town.

DeWitt—Work progressing on construction of highway No. 10 near this town.

North Sac—Corn being gathered in this section.

Cameron—Plans under way to establish canning factory here.

Osborn—Road from Osborn to Grindstone paved.

Stanberry—Gravel road between Stanberry and Harrison-Gentry County line being resurfaced.

That the spinning quality of "snap" cotton does not differ materially from that of "picked" cotton is indicated by preliminary experiments by the United States Department of Agriculture. As a method of harvesting, however, snapping lowers the grade, the difference in the cotton tested amounting to about two grades. 'Snap" cotton is fairly matured and does not include bollies", the cotton taken from bolls arrested in their growth by frost. The decreased cost in harvesting cotton by the "snap" method may be much more than offset by the expense of passing it through holl extractors and by the loss of value resulting from the lower grades. Taking the results of the tests as typical, "snapping" cotton at the officially quoted prices and under the conditions which prevailed in 1925 resulted in a loss to the grower of $7.29 a bale as compared with picking. When greater discounts were assessed against the cotton because of its being "snapped", and when it was sold in the seed, the loss was from approximately $14 to $27 a bale.

Gifts Made of Ribbon



A wristbag full of joy awaits any member of the family who wakes up Christmas morning to find herself possessing a bit of finery like the pretty bag, or the garters shown here. The bag is simply made of two pieces of wide, black ribbon cut rounded at one end and sewed together. Two shirred tucks are run in above the seam. It is lined with colored silk and gathered into a filigree silver mounting. Narrow black and pink satin ribbon is shirred over flat elastic for the garters, which are finished with bows and rhinestone ornaments.

VOLGA BOATMAN SAD SINGERS

The famous Volga boatman always sings his famous song. In Russian cabarets in Western Europe the burlaki bask in a violet spotlight while muted violins are played. But the real burlaki are sadder people than those who represent them on the stage could ever suspect. Although they are strongly infected with a romantic tradition, their song strikes deep into the hearts of all who hear them.

Apparently they are the strongest men of our time. Any one of them can carry a weight of 200 kilograms on his back, lift a hundred kilograms from the ground, crack a nut between his thumb and forefinger, balance an oar on two fingers, and eat three watermelons in forty-five minutes.

They look like bronze statues of more than life size clad in skins. They are strong and healthy, living on the river all the time; but I have never seen one of them laugh; they are not gay. Though their religion forbids the use of alcohol, they drink Schnaps. Ever since the Volga has been used for carrying freight these hardy workmen have been here. At the present time there are more than 20 steamers on the river, with a total displacement of 50,000 tons. The 1190 barges without motors displace a total of nearly two million tons.

Their song does not rise from their throats, but from the bottom of their hearts where its melody has been woven into their very existence. They sing like people condemned to death, like galley slaves. Never will a singer be free of his burden and never will he be in need of Schnaps.

And what work these human dericks do! You seldom hear a complete song—only snatches, no more. Music is a form of mechanical assistance. It functions like a lever. There is one song for towing and another song for unloading the cargo.

The words are old and primitive, and I have heard different ones to the same tune. They sing about how hard life is, and how welcome death, about their burdens, and about girls and love. The moment their load is on their back the song bursts out.—Joseph Roth in Frankfurter Zeitung (Living Age).

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WORK MEANS CONTENTMENT

So much has been said about good will that many honest minds have become suspicious of it. It serves very well as a Christmas sentiment and it ornaments the oratory of statesmen who do not mean what they say. But what it is, and what its instruments are, is seldom asked.

To some minds, good will means a placid attitude which makes it easier to slip something over on you, as the saying goes. An ice-cream-social atmosphere, so to speak; an innocuous pink-tea flabbiness of fiber. It means being a good fellow and letting human parasites ride on your back, and human sponges live off your substance. Such good will means true goodness off its guard, to give shrewd evil a better chance.

Good will is nothing like that. It is to will the good, and there is nothing flabby about the good. If you think so, consider the endless centuries of struggle which have been necessary to gain the simplest of our common-sense positions of progress and justice.

At Christmas, good will is linked up with peace; 'Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will'. When this was first said, the earth was smaller than it is now, that is, less known; men were fewer; good will was a scarcer quantity, and peace was but a fitful dream between the horrors of recurrent wars. The earth is now larger, more widely known; mankind has increased in numbers and intelligence; good will, we may say, is more generally recognized as less a sentiment than a working law of life; and peace is the universal quest.

But good will has never operated without its instruments. These instruments are very seldom speeches, or councils, or conferences. The greatest instruments of good will are those which engage the energies of men in such a manner as to shut off the blood supply of ill-will.

And the greatest of these has been Work.

A nation at work is the last nation to strain for war. Europe today is in danger of war from no other cause than the scarcity of work. Unemployment fills armies. Unemployment welcomes any break in the monotony of unproductiveness. Unemployment provides empty-mindedness which in turn furnishes the soil for all those misunderstandings and hatreds which find their outlet in violence.

And yet—(for whatever is good, is good on every side)—the industrial nation is today the best defended nation. The might of the United States is not in its armies, but in its industries. The military powers of the earth would hesitate longer to engage our industries against them than any army. The workers of the world's industries do not seek war, but they are more than a match for the war-makers when need requires.

So this is just a suggestion that we consider Industry—the opportunity and the habit of work—among the chief instruments of good will in the world. Busy hands are seldom quarrelsome. The best unity obtainable is fellowship in a commanding task. It is always idle hands that brew the world's mischief.

The League of constructive endeavor is supplying the needs of the multitudes of the earth, the League of Work and steady jobs, the League of decent incomes and modern homes and a mounting standard of life, this is the true League of Peace and Good Will. If the League of Nations would tackle the job of bringing industry into Europe, war problems could tackle the job of bringing industry they would dry up and blow away.—Henry Ford.

CONSUMER CLASSIFIES CATTLE

The consumer really determines the grades and classes into which the cattle on a thousand hills are to be separated when they reach the market, says the United States Department of Agriculture. When the housewife selects certain grades of neat such as choice, medium, or common, this demand is reflected to the wholesale buyer who supplies her butcher. His demands in turn are reflected to the buyer of live cattle in the yards, who must supply the choice, medium, or common grades called for, and who pays for them according to grade and class. Thus the marketing, classification, and grading of the great trainloads of cattle that arrive at the stockyards is really done according to consumer demand.

Parnell—New poultry house being erected in Parnell by Farmers Exchange.

Cleve Ross, a lumberman, from a dark doorway in the business part of Poplar Bluff, watched five young men enter his automobile late Sunday night and take clothing valued at about $75. He then notified police, who arrested Elmer Hartline, "Rosie" Lucas, Lawrence Dover, Ray Collins and J. R. Avery, who were attempting to sell the clothing. They are held.

AMERICA ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS AGO

Bordentown, N. J., December 11, 1776.—Mayor John Lawrence met today at the portals of this city and turned back 500 Hessians and their commander, Col. Carl Emil Kurt von Donop, with the result that Bordentown will not for the present be added to the lost of occupied towns on the Jersey front. This he has done with such weapons as an impassioned address and a bountiful luncheon, and in spite of the energetic endeavors of the Pennsylvania navy and the river forces of the Continental army on the Delaware. Although under fire from the American ships for some minutes he sustained no casualties.

Colonel von Donop came from Trenton early in the morning to establish an enemy post here. Mayor Lawrence heard of his coming and advanced with a committee of citizens. He met the Hessians between Bordentown and Bustleton, and discharged his impassioned address to the effect that if the Hessians entered his city they would draw down upon it the fire of the American ships and thus cause much annoyance to many good friends of George III who live here.

Colonel von Donop requested the mayor to kindly send a delegation to Commodore Thomas Seymour, commander of the American boats, to find out if this could really be true. Then, parking his soldiers in the suburbs, Colonel von Donop and his officers went to the mayor's house for luncheon, while a delegation of citizens set off for Commodore Seymour's flagship down the river. While the Hessians were going to the mayor's luncheon party they were seen by the crew of an American gondola, who promptly opened fire on them. The mayor rushed to the waterfront, waved his hat, and ordered the gondola to cease firing, whereupon the gondola trained its guns upon the mayor himself. Colonel von Donop hastened down the river to witness this engagement and became in turn the target for the gondola's gunners.

At length the citizens' committee returned with definite assurances from Commodore Seymour that he would open up on the city with all his guns if the Hessians took quarters in it. Colonel von Donop thereupon thought of two good reasons why he should not occupy the city. First, he had no big guns with which to answer the American gunboats and, second, because the Tories in the place who might be injured in a bombardment, there was the noble head of Colonel von Donop which might again be the central target for lying missiles. Therefore, he marched his men back to Bustleton and the Battle of Bordentown was over.

St. Joseph—State highway No. 1 from St. Joseph to Kansas City being paved.

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In pricing our holiday offerings this year we have taken in consideration that the farmer and wage earner are not as prosperous as they might be and have accordingly cut our profits so that they may share with us in their buying. We are dividing with you and rest assured that your dollar will go a little farther this year than ever before.

VISIT TOYLAND!

Our toy department is loaded this year with everything to make the kids happy, and are priced so that every one can buy. This is the original Santa Claus Store in this community and we want all the boys and girls to spend their afternoons with us until Christmas day. Toys for big, little, old and young.

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PRACTICAL USES FOR WEATHER INFORMATION

Publicity utility companies of all kinds make use of Weather Bureau information to effect economies on a large scale. In the Middle West, for example, a number of public utility companies maintain a joint committee to work in co-operation with the Weather Bureau to investigate the weather effect on the loss in weight of coal in shipping. Again, officials of a large railroad in Montana are asked by their headquarters in St. Paul why there has been a noticeable falling off in coal shipments to that State as compared with previous winters. Weather records show that there has been a period of unusually mild weather, and thus answer the question. Along similar lines is the request made by the local lighting company of a large city for a comparative statement from the Weather Bureau at the close of any unusually cloudy, gloomy month, showing what constitutes an average month and why the one just past has been unusual. This report is sent to consumers of electricity with their monthly bills as an explanation of any increase in the amount.

Private business also uses weather records to keep watch over small economies. An ice cream manufacturer supplying a number of near-by towns makes use of weather forecasts in summer to vary the amount of cream to be made and sent out, as the consumption varies from day to day, depending on the temperature. In winter the coal dealer watches the weather forecasts for a cold wave so that preparation may be made for handling an increased demand for coal. If a cold wave is expected on Sunday the yards must be kept open and special forces held in readiness to handle the coal.

THE JAZZ FRONTIER

The Rev. Robert Norwood, rector of St. Bartholomew's, likens New York to "a brown bowl that contains a strong and heady drink" and avers that it "takes a sturdy man to drink from it and keep clear of delirium tremens".

The clergyman, though expressing his thought in vivid, engaging and alcoholic images was not referring to the notorious ease with which liquor may be obtained in this city, nor was he warning young men from the perils of bootleg poison. Rather, we take it, he had in mind the dangers of New York's jazz tempo, that accelerated mode of life which, it is often pointed out, racks the nerves, breaks the health and withers the spirit of its human victims. Can it be that this danger is the more apparent to the Rev. Mr. Norwood because he came only recently from Philadelphia, whose quiet, unruffled poise is traditional?

What is this "brown bowl" with the "strong and heady drink?" It is, for one thing, the bachelor capital of the world—and this includes the bachelor girls. Unique among the cities of America, it lures the ambitious youngsters from even the smallest towns. It is the new frontier, jazzy, sometimes exotic, strange and splendid. There is a banker who once punched cows in New Mexico, a lawyer who in his youth picked cotton in Tennessee, and an editor whose hands once were calloused from digging post holes in Oklahoma.

To be sure there are cases of "delirium tremens". That is the penalty for the misuse of any "strong and heady drink". But the clear, healthy eye of youth sees that there are human failures in Sauk Center, Sewickley and Albuquerque as well as in New York. This city may be fatal to weaklings, but its appeal to the country's best is irresistible.—New York Herald Tribune

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Ribbon Vanity Case



Santa Claus will find himself distributing a lot of new vanity cases this Christmas, for nothing is more popular as a gift. Here is a rich and elegant homemade one, that requires about twelve inches of gold brocade ribbon, six inches wide, and about eighteen inches of rose-colored satin ribbon for lining and pocket. The case is bound with narrow gold lace and two tiny brass rings are sewed to the top. A gold cord, attached to the bottom of the case, slips through these rings and serves to close and suspend it. The little pocket carries compact, powder, rouge and any other desired fitting.

Boonville—Boonville Advertiser installs Century newspaper press.

The color of canned salmon indicates the variety rather than the quality. There are several kinds of salmon and these vary in color after canning from a bright red to almost white.

The forest land of the United States, in round numbers, is split up approximately as follows: Federal Government, 89,000,000 acres; States, 10,500,000 acres; municipalities and counties, 700,000 acres; large private owners, 220,000,000 acres; small private owners, 15,000,000 acres.



Merry Xmas!

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SOUNDINGS ORDERED FOR CAIRO BRIDGE

Cairo, Ill., December 10.—Directors of the Cairo Association of Commerce, with members of the local Bridge Committee, met yesterday with the representatives of the Chicago bankers who are behind the Cairo bridge project and Harry E. Bovay, the promoter, and instructed them to go ahead and make the soundings in the Mississippi River for the bridge over that stream.

Steps necessary before an absolute proposition for financing the bridge were detailed by J. J. Shinner of H. M. Byllesby & Co. of Chicago, who, with H. G. Wales of the Federal Securities Co., came to Cairo for conference with the Bridge Committee. He said that Dr. J. A. Waddell, the engineer, wants the borings before he can make an accurate estimate of the cost. His preliminary estimate is that the bridge can be built for $2,200,000. "We believe he can build it for that", Shinner said, "but we must know definitely before we can go ahead.

"We have never had any doubt about traffic", Shinner continued. "The traffic at present will pay a fair return on the bridge." He said the interests behind the Cape Girardeau bridge project had doubts about the Cape bridge being a paying proposition if the Cairo bridge being a paying proposition if the Cairo bridge is built. "We told them", he said, "that we could not complete our studies for 30 days. If we reach a conclusion to go ahead, we might want them in".

"Bankers are willing to go 75 to 85 per cent in meeting the cost when a project is economically sound as the Cairo bridge project", Shinner told members of the Bridge Committee. "There is one doubt yet to settle and that is we want the site definitely approved. We will then be prepared to enter into a definite commitment for a senior security of $2,000,000 in bonds. We would then ask you to raise $500,000 in preferred stock. Whether that will bear interest from the date of its subscription or start when the bridge is opened or wait until a year after the opening cannot be determined. It may be two or three years before you get all your dividends. The preferred stock will be redeemed before the common stock gets its dividend.

"Until the time of the opening of the bids, we cannot definitely determine the date of completion, so we cannot estimate the amount of interest charges during construction. We are going to assume that the bridge will cost $3,000,000, including all construction costs, engineering costs, financing and interest during construction. We feel that half a million dollar should represent your faith in the project. We feel that Cape Girradeau has established a basis for us, if not for you. They're giving 25 per cent and we're asking you for a sixth. If the bridge can be built for $2,700,000, that will make your preferred stock all the stronger".

$128,000,000 ASKED FOR FARM DEPARTMENT

Washington, December 13.—Creation of two substitute bureaus to separate research and regulatory activities of the chemistry and soil divisions of the Department of Agriculture, is provided in the department's appropriation bill, carrying $128,362,000, reported today by the House.

Of the total amount appropriated in the bill, nearly $80,000,000 is for maintenance of Federal and highway systems and many millions more to continue the war against insect pests. The total is $77,812 above current funds, but $4,774,000 below budget estimates. The reduction was effected by paring down highway funds and authorizing use of unexpended money previously appropriated.

Appropriations for the two new bureaus totaled only $20,000 more than for the original divisions, the increase to be used in investigating plant-dust explosions and farm fires which last year cost 3500 lives and $150,000,000 in property and in enforcement of the naval stores act.

Material increases over current funds were provided for certain activities, including $480,000 more for additional endowment to agricultural experiment stations, making the total $1,920,000; $1,200,000 for eradication of tuberculosis, total $4,878,000; $103,000 for blister rust control, total $471,500; $200,0000 for eradication of European corn-borer, total $685,100; $180,000 for Japanese beetle control, total $465,000; $290,000 for co-operation with states to control forest fires, total $1,000,000.

Included in the appropriations for combating various pests were $712,300 for eradicating cattle tick, $142,000, orchard disease; $150,000, cotton and truck disease; $207,300, cereal and forage insects; $292,300; Southern field crop insects; $79,500, foreign insects; $186,400, truck crop insects; $670,000, preventing spread of moths; $32,500, Mexican bean beetle control.

The bill would authorize the bureau of animal industry to pay for condemned paratubercular cattle. The committee said it was necessary to destroy immediately cattle found suffering from the disease, which stimulates intestinal tuberculosis.

Of the bureau's appropriation, $5,000 would be used in inspecting cattle imported from Mexico, where, the committee reported, authorities have not succeeded in stamping out the hoof and mouth disease.

The weather bureau's part in supplying information to commrecial aviation caused a $38,600 increase in its appropriation of $235,500 for investigation of atmospheric phenomena.

Another $25,000 was requested to establish a dairy and livestock experiment station at Mandan, N. D., under an act of the last congress.

To continue the department's contracts with farmers' co-operatives, the bill provided $1,424,000 for farmers' co-operative demonstrations, $1,300,000 for co-operative agricultural extension work, and $220,440 for the co-operative marketing information service of the bureau of agriculture economics.

The biological survey would be authorized to use $158,000 on its appropriation in protection of migratory birds, while another $30,000 would be used in development of the upper Mississippi river game refuge.

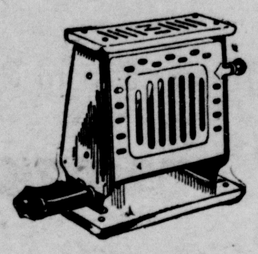


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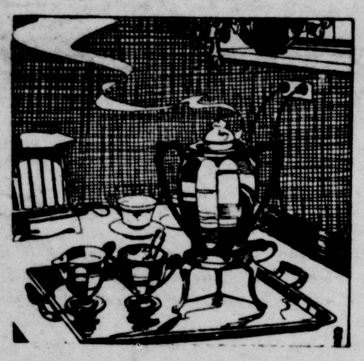
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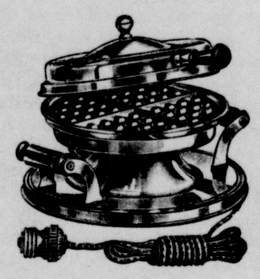


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COTTON GROWERS ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Arkansas and Missouri Cotton Growers Co-operative Association have closed their regular pools against new members. The advance to old members at the present, it six cents per pound on bales weighing less than 500 pounds and $30 per bale on bales weighing over 500 lbs. Members of these Associations can continue to pool their cotton in the regular pools.

Cotton farmers who wish to pool their cotton can do so in the long time pool which the Associations have formed. The advance is 6c a pound on this cotton, and the cotton will not be offered for sale until after July 1, 1927.

The advance on cotton raised prior to this season is 5c per ton. Each and every bank in Southeast Missouri has information concerning the Association pool and the long time pool. For further information call or write the Asscoiation office at Little Rock or New Madrid.

up before he starts out, and is wearing his muffler and overshoes? Who sees that he doesn't forget half of his packages? Who goes running out to the sleigh just as he is ready to start, with some present which he, man-like, has overlooked? Why, it's Mrs. Claus—that's who it is!

It was high time somebody thought of her. Maybe when she opens her copy of The Star away up there in Icy Cape and sees Mildred's letter she will feel still more kindly toward Old Santa when he gets restless a day or so before Christmas. And Santa will feel better, too, for he loves Mrs. Claus a lot and wants all the children to love her as she loves them.—K. C. Star.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS CONTRIBUTES TO XMAS FUND

At a meeting of the W. F. C. Class of the Baptist Sunday School at the home of the teacher, Miss Grace Estes, Monday night, the girls decided to contribute $2.50 to the Community Christmas Fund. The following girls were present: Gladys Conley, president; Mildred Ables, vice-president; Dorothy Bennett, secretary-treasurer; Lois Darby; Geneva Andrews, Beryl Barnes, Ilene Beck, Laura Wright, Mabel McElroy, Irene Porter, Vivian Pratt, Elsie Conrad, Stratton Ingram, Christina Cauthorne and Vernetta Smith.

COOLIDGE SIGNS PAY INCREASES FOR JUDGES

Washington, December 13.—Representative George H. Graham's bill increasing the salaries of federal judges was signed today by President Coolidge and the increased pay becomes effective January 1. The law carries these salaries:

Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, $20,500; associate justices, $20,000; an increase of $500.

United States Circuit Court judges, $12,500; an increase of $4000.

United States District judges, $10,000; an increase of $2500.

United States Custom Appeals, $12,500; increase of $4000.

Court of Appeals, District of Columbia, $12,500; increase of $4000.

United States Court of Claims, $12,500; increase of $4500 for chief justice and $5000 for associate justices.

Supreme Court of District of Columbia, chief justice, $10,500; associate justices, $10,000; increase of $4,500 for former and $500 for latter.

Board of General Appraisers, $10,500; an increase of $1000.

AN EARLY CHURCH BAZAAR

LADIES' FAIR.

A number of ladies of Memphis, taking into consideration the pecuniary situation of the Presbyterian Church, have resolved to form a sewing society and endeavor by their efforts to liquidate the debt the church now owes.

That their object might be the sooner accomplished they were of an unanimous opinion that a Fair conducted upon proper principles would meet with encouragement from this community so truly distinguished for its liberality towards all benevolent efforts. They have, therefore, resolved to hold a Fair on the Fourth of July next in the saloon of Mr. Hart, who very kindly and generously offered it for this purpose.—From th Memphis Enquirer, May 22, 1838.

GIVING THOUGHT TO MRS. SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa: I love you. Please hurry up and make Christmas come. I like candy. I also like Mrs. Santa Claus. Lots of hugs and kisses. Kiss Mrs. Claus for me.—Mildred Hunsig in a Santa Claus letter in The Star.

At last someone has extended recognition and expressed in some small measure the appreciation due that noble, courageous and self sacrificing little woman, Mrs. S. Claus. How many women, we venture to ask, would put up with things the way she has? How many women would be content to remain at home all alone on Christmas eve, tending the furnace and performing the sundry other necessary household duties, while her husband is out traipsing all over the globe, crawling in and out of people's chimneys and having a high old time? Do you suppose any other woman would stand for anything like that? And yet that is exactly what Mrs. Claus has been doing—not one Christmas eve, but every Christmas eve as far back as memory extends!

And what thanks does this noble woman receive for her sacrifices? Nobody ever gives her a tho't, away up there in Ice Cape all by herself. Of course, everyone makes a big hurrah over Santa when he comes to town, writes him letters and tells him what a great fellow he is; but nobody seems to appreciate the fact that if Mrs. Claus wasn't so generous Santa wouldn't get any farther from Icy Cape on Christmas eve than the corner cigar store.

Suppose Mrs. Claus, as wives sometimes are wont to do, should suddenly decide that Santa wasn't to go out on Christmas eve? Wouldn't that be a fine how-do-you-do? Suppose, when she saw him looking around for his little red cap and mumbling something about "promising the boys", she should speak up something like this: "See here now, S. Claus, you don't get out of this house tonight! I'm sick and tired of spending Christmas eve all by myself while you're out gadding around! It's time you were beginning to pay a little attention to your own family, for a change! This is one Christmas eve when you're going to stay at home"! What could Santa do? Any married man can give you the answer. There would be only one thing Santa could do. He would stay at home. And the millions of children who awake eager and expectant on Christmas morning—how would they feel when they found their stockings empty?

Let us all cherish Old Santa, but at the same time let us not forget Mrs. Claus. Who is it that keeps Santa's nice red suit all spick and span from Christmas to Christmas? Who is it that sees he is well bundled

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It will soon be time for New Year resolves, but before that time, we can think of Old Year regrets. Few of us but what have regrets for things done or said during the year about to close. Regrets that we were not more charitable in some respects and regrets that we were not in position to lend a helping hand to more in times of stress. To those that have felt hurt or aggrieved at the editor for what might have been printed, we can only say that we felt at the time that we had a duty to perform and believed we were right and just. We hold no malice toward anyone and at this season of the year forgiveness should be in the hearts of all, we hope those who have held a grudge against us will cancel same and help us be of service in the future.

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A little advice about matrimony might not be out of place at this time. The youth who wishes to take the fatal step, and his financial outlook is a bit gloomy, might do well to go to Ellis Island and look over the girls who come from North Germany and the Scandinavian Provinces. They know how to cook, wash, iron, sew, cut the wood and work in the fields if necessary. Of course, the frivolous flapper is good to gaze upon, but they do not always have the requirements to guarantee the meal ticket.

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F. H. Collier reports in "Echoes of the Streets", Dr. Jean Bouchon as saying "We eat too much salt. You know what salt does wherever it is put. It pickles. Your whole body can be more or less pickled". We've seen people on occasions who were more or less pickled, but we never knew until now that salt was to blame.

Last Sunday night two of our young bachelors journeyed to Cape Girardeau to attend the picture show. Afterwards, when they started to get into their car, they found placed in a conspicuous place on the windshield, a note. While we can't swear to the exact language of the note, in effect, it read somewhat as follows: "Why didn't you let me know you were coming up? Please don't leave town without calling number—— I'll be anxiously waiting. Your———" The two of course were thoroughly surprised and could only account for the note's presence by concluding that the young lady who had given her phone number and signed her name, had msitaken their car for someone else's from Sikeston. But being young and adventurous—well, what would you have done

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Missouri has a wonderful team in the United States Senate and between them they should be of great service to the Central West. Senator Hawes, with his can of soft soap and pleasant manners, should be able to convince other Senators to change their way of thinking of what is best for this section, while Senator Reed can stand by with his big stick and roll of sandpaper to make life miserable for them. Should these two Senators work together smoothly for the good of the State and the Country, they can make a wonderful team that will go down in history ranking with Vest, Cockrell and Stone.

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A sign on a window at the corner of Front Street and Kingshighway reads: "Used Auto Parts". Nothing wrong with that sign. Last week a rummage sale was held in this room and stretched on a line right under this sign was a number of woman's wearables.

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Don't forget the postal clerks thruout the country by mailing your packages early. It will be almost impossible to deliver the parcel post in time for Christmas unless same is given prompt attention.

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The two weeks preceding Christmas more good little boys and girls than an equal number of months at any other season of the year. It holds good with the older ones, too, let me tell you.

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Centralia—Operations resumed at Centralia Broom Factory here.

Novelty—2 loads hogs and 1 load cattle shipped from here recently.

ANCIENT CIVILIZATION BEING UNEARTHED IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

Morehouse, Mo., December 11.—Tutankhamen's tomb yielded treasures in gold, silver and ivory, but the evidences of ancient civilization in Southeast Missouri, passing unheralded and for the most part hidden, conceal unwritten history of myriads of interesting people. The earth still holds most of these secrets under mounds and tombs. Races have risen and fallen, victims to geological phenomenon and the prey of savage invaders. New civilizations developed and decayed, until the dawn of history found the American Indians more oblivious to the rich lore over which they built their fires than the modern Persians is of the ancient glory of the Medes and Chaldeans as he plows through their ruins and curses the roughness of the land.

Millions are being spent in archeological research in Italy, Greece and Egypt, but not one sou of institute money for uncovering the richer secrets of little known and more interesting peoples—our ancient compatriots.

Much credit in so stupendous a task, must be given such unselfish individuals as George Langford of Illinois and Dr. C. H. Pease of Missouri for recent discoveries.

"These regions were more thickly populated by the Potter race than they are by whites today", said Dr. C. H. Pease. And this is a region of fertile eighty-acre farms and many villages dotting the landscape.

"Near Dexter", continued Dr. Pease, "is a mound which is 150 feet high and covers five acres, even after the leveling ravages of many centuries of wind, rain, beast and man. There are 100,000 cubic yards of dirt in this mound. and yet there are no signs of excavations near. At a distance of some five miles there are great gouges from the level land, from which this vast mountain of dirt was moved.

Dr. Pease calculates that there were some 10,000 people engaged in this stupendous task over a period of a quarter century. He pictures engineers constructing roads over the boggy swamp, traces of which are still visible; artisans making tools and conveyances for the dirt; doctors assuaging malarial patients; hordes of peons moving the dirt. These people had not learned the great economy of the wheel, hence carried it on their heads. There were artists fashioning the religious sacraments for this ceremonial mound, hunters and fishermen in great numbers supplying food (for this was a hunting race), specialists in many fields and soldiers for defense. Discoveries of Dr. Pease lead him to believe that these people were in a life and death struggle with a group of warlike barbarians living in the northern part of the United States and in Canada.

These people became so numerous that they probably ate themselves out of house and home, according to Dr. Pease, though he believes they may have secured food from sources that we know nothing of, either from natural sources or chemical sources.

According to the United States Government, it would take 50,000 acres to support each family on a hunting basis permanently. Yet there were more potters in some regions than there are homes today. In fact, in the regions from Cape Girardeau south through a good part of Arkansas there is an average of one house mound per farm with many villages interspersed. That these were not inhabited by successive generations is proven in the fact that a house mound was a permanent family seat, which is shown in the successive layers of buried waste and household remains as each house wore out and was replaced by another. Black layers of decayed vegetation show successive additions to the mounds with half century intervals.

Here is an area a third the size of Missouri at an age which Dr. Pease estimates to have been from 3000 years B. C. down to 1000 years B. C., which was the seat of a glorious civilization which has written its history in its sacramental, ceremonial and burial mounds. Much of this remains to be written into modern history.

Dr. C. H. Pease of Morehouse has been a private American archaeologist for thirty-five years, spending his money and what time he could snatch from his medical practice pursuing the unwritten. Over the states of Illinois, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Arkansas, Kentucky, Wisconsin and Missouri his delving into hidden secrets has led him. Vacation time, which to other men means rest and relaxation, saw him with spade, rod and chemicals digging like a laborer. At times his wife, M'liss, donned her work clothes and helped at his side. In places where vandals might destroy valuable pieces by poking rods into them, Dr. Pease would be back at his excavation at dawn and remain there until dark, taking his meals as they were brought to him. At times the lure of the buried past has made him sneak off from his practice for weeks at a time.

In 1917 Dr. Pease unfortunately lost all of his collection in a fire. Pieces of priceless historical value and some records were destroyed. They remain only in his memory, as he is not a writing man.

Undaunted by this loss, Dr. Pease started anew. His subsequent excavations have partly restored his collection. Today he has some 5000 distinctive pieces of stone work, several hundred distinctive pieces of pottery and several in metals and ores.

Dr. Pease has agreed under pressure to overcome his modesty and give the public the fruits of his work, that it may not be lost with him, and in the hope that others may become interested and money will be forthcoming to carry this valuable work on before more evidence is lost.

He speaks of some mounds being cut down for farming purposes. Often a tow-sack full of ancient bits of pottery can be picked up in one corn or cotton row. In some sections it is a pastime with boys to tunnel into some of the small mounds and poke rods into the pottery, breaking it and digging out some of it, which sooner or later is destroyed. There is one huge mound near Belle Mount about 75 feet high that was cut up and built into a government levee and most of its treasure destroyed.

The great group of ceremonial mounds near Charleston—the mound of the sun, the mound of the moon, firefly mound and others in Missouri should be preserved for study—thinks Dr. Pease; also the range of a dozen or more Sunset mounds in a range south of Poplar Bluff, two near New Madrid, as well as an occasional one from Cape Girardeau to Memphis.

Such a task is obviously beyond the resources of a few private individuals.

CONGRESSMAN LETTS URGES GOVERNMENT ELEVATORS

Washington, December 13.—Government erection and operation of big storage grain elevators at rail crossings in the upper Mississippi Valley to harmonie with existing barge lines and waterways was urged upon President Coolidge as a farm relief measure today by Representative Letts (Rep.) of Iowa.

The proposal is contained in a resolution adopted by the Upper Mississippi River Association and by the Iowa Banking Association. The plan, it was argued, would aid railroads in the orderly movement of crops and enable farmers to realize immediately upon crops through Government bonded warehouse receipts. Representative Letts said the need of such elevators was felt especially at Minneapolis, St. Paul, La Crosse, Dubuque, Clinton, Burlington, Davenport and Peoria.

Argentina's worst insect crop pest is a locust like the large flying grasshoppers of the United States.

The temperature of a warm-blooded animal when hibernating is almost the same as its cold surroundings.

Notice Of Administration

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That Letters Testamentary on the estate of Ellen West, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 7th day of December, 1926, by the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

JAMES L. WEST,
Executor.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the (SEAL) Probate Court of Scott County.

Thos. B. Dudley,
Probate Judge

Odd Laundry Bag



The head of this slant-eyed gentleman, who will carry laundry for his lucky owner, is cut from unbleached domestic, stuffed with cotton and sewed over the hook of a coat hanger. The canny face is sketched on with black paint, bits of black ribbon contribute the cap and collar and wool yarn provides the hair. A long shirt of cretonne is open near the top and sewed together at the bottom, forming a clever laundry bag.



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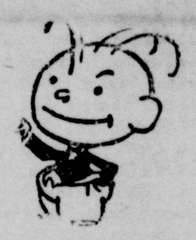
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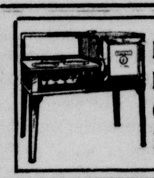
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RELICS FROM ROYAL TOMB

Chicago, December 10.—A golden calf, ante-dating by 500 years the golden calf of Moses' day, was revealed briefly to a selected company last night by Prof. James H. Breasted, Egyptologist of the University of Chicago.

After being exhibited, the golden relic was returned to a secret vault from which it probably will not be taken again, at least for public exhibition.

The calf is part of a royal tomb treasure found in Palestine. The display included two tiny golden vessels; a golden girdle, such as an ancient king might have worn; golden pins for a queen; and a pitcher of blue stone, adorned with bands of gold.

From the point of view of the goldsmith's art, the most important piece exhibited was an open work breast ornament, once encrusted with semi-precious stones, now mostly fallen out. The design included the Egyptian goddess, Hathor, the source, Professor Breasted explained, of the Hebrew "golden calf".

Also, there was what remains of the golden calf itself; a statuette 15 to 18 inches high and overlaid with sheet gold. The overlay is crushed and crumbled, but the four golden hoofs are perfectly preserved in the overlay work.

"In the records as far back as 1600 B. C.", Professor Breasted said, "the kings of Egypt give lists of the golden treasure which they carried away from the palaces of the kings of Palestine before the Hebrews settled there. The tombs of these pre-Hebrew kings have never been discovered. Somewhere on the hilsides of the Holy Land these royal burial places remain to be found. From the first such tomb has come the royal treasure shown here".

Monett—Monett Egg and Poultry Company establishes station here.

Dock Hock says he likes to live away back in the country where the dogs have fleas and are not ashamed to scratch in public.

Lore for Dog-Owners

By Albert Payson Terhune

THE VICTORY OF THE DOGS



The Mayor Was a Dog Hater and He Framed an Ordinance.

OLD MAN NEGLEY had been showing Judge Gray how to give medicine to his dog without spilling it all over and without having a wrestling match as well. Now as he turned to go back to his job of hedge trimming, the judge asked:

"I wonder what it is about a dog that makes people take such a lot of pains with him. We wouldn't do it for any other animal."

"Because no other animal is man's ally and chum," promptly replied Old Man Negley. "You take good care of your horse and cow because you're naturally decent-hearted, but chiefly because they give you practical service. But you're good to your dog because he's your pal and because there's a queer bond between dog and man that isn't found between man and any other animal or man and all the other animals put together.

"Let me tell you a rather queer story to prove that. You may have read a short account of it in your paper. For it was mentioned in nearly all the papers through the country. But I was there, myself, so I can tell you about it first hand.

"Last month I spent a few days' vacation visiting my grandchildren at a town named Butler, in northern New Jersey. I found the town in a tumult. The mayor, it seems, is a dog-hater. The town dogs bothered him at night with their barking. He framed an ordinance to get rid of them.

"The ordinance called for a yearly license fee of $15 for all male dogs, and $30 for all female dogs; instead of the old fee of $1 for males and $2 for females. You see the point, don't you?

"A poor man who happened to own a couple of male hunting dogs and a couple of females, would have to pay out $90 a year in dog licenses alone. A little boy who had a female puppy as a pet would have to scrape together $30, or let her be put to death. Some farmer, who could barely make both ends meet, must be taxed $15 or $30 on the dog that was the guardian of his farm and the herder of his sheep.

"And so it went. The mayor managed to get the town council to agree to the ordinance at its first reading. That was just before I got to Butler. I found the place buzzing like a hornet nest. I never saw so much angry excitement in any peaceful community as in that place where the citizens were threatened with the loss of their dogs.

"It was unbelievable. They were all stung on the most vital spot in their natures. They were up in arms to save their dogs from death, those of them who couldn't afford the terrific tax that the mayor proposed.

"Say, if our countrymen could summon up half the indignation over the income tax that the Butlerites felt for that dog ordinance, not a congressman in America would dare support it. I knew, of course, how much a fellow's dog means to him. But I never dreamed a threat to a town's dogs could wake such a blaze of fury in every part of that town.

"When the ordinance came up for a second reading the town hall was so jammed with people that crowds of them couldn't get anywhere near the council room. And all those people had blood in their eyes. The town council took one look at the crowd, and I guess they read their own political fate if they insisted on that ordinance.

"But the mayor was game enough to give the ordinance its second reading and then to make a speech upholding it. At least he tried to make a speech. But the crowd wasn't in a mood to hear dogs slandered.

"He began by saying that the dogs' barking kept him awake at night. Before he could get any further a woman in the front row called out:

"'It's your conscience that keeps you awake, and I don't wonder.'

"That started the others. The mayor's speech was peppered by uninvited remarks from the throng; and none of those remarks were loving or complimentary.

"He stood his ground, and called for a vote. The town council, to a man, had consented to the ordinance on the first reading. But this night, with the crowd hemming them in, not a member of the council voted for it. The mayor was left stranded by his own council. The will of the people was too overwhelmingly strong.

"The ordinance was lost, amidst a mighty hurrahing. Then the chairman of the health board jumped to his feet. He said something like this:

"'There have been meetings of this council when thousands and thousands of dollars of the taxpayers' money was at stake or when vital town questions were up for settlement, and not a dozen citizens of Butler took the trouble to come here. But look at tonight's massmeeting! It shows what interests all mankind. A Little Dog Shall Lead Them!'"

"And he was right. The town council of Butler or of any other town of its size never could get a line of mention in any metropolitan paper, no matter how important an issue was at stake. But almost every paper in the country printed a condensed or an extended notice of that dog ordinance meeting; and there were special reporters sent to it by metropolitan dailies.

"The newspapers know what the public is most interested in. That's why they printed the account of that dog meeting. It shows clearly the bond between man and dog, doesn't it? A dog is as much a 'human emotion' as love or hate or hunger or fear. Dog and man are bound together in interest, all the world over.

"And it isn't anything new, either. You've heard the proverb: 'Love Me, Love My Dog.' Well, I looked up that proverb at the public library once. It was written by a chap named John Heywood, as far back as 1565. And, thousands of years earlier the Bible speaks of 'The Power of the Dog.'

"No, please get me straight about that. I don't mean a dog is something to be slobbery or sentimental over or to fondle and make a fool of one's self over. He isn't. He's a servant and a pal of man, not a sloppy object of affection. Your dog is about the most normal creature on earth. He deserves a kind and patient and firm master, who will bring out all the best in him—not a sentimentalist who will spoil him or lavish on him the kind of affection that ought to be saved for one's children.

"It's almost as bad to spoil and cosset a dog as it is to be brutal to him. Just the same, when his rights are threatened, there'll always be thousands of normal humans to stand up for those rights or his, just as the Butler people did. See if there aren't!

"That's why the bulk of decent people hate vivisection so. Not because it is criminally foolish and foolishly criminal, but because it refuses dogs a square deal."

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Good and Bad Microbes in Constant Conflict

Most people know that there are friendly microbes as well as deadly ones, but it is not always realized that without the microbe there would be no butter or cheese.

Every time, too, that we indulge in pickles we have to thank the microbe which makes our vinegar; and when the baker puts yeast into flour he is just inserting millions of microbes, without the activities of which our loaves would be more like cannon-balls than anything eatable, says the London Mail.

Civilized man has also long used the microbe for purposes of destruction, for the saltpeter, which is the fundamental part of gunpowder, is produced by microbes.

But, of course, the chief use of the microbe is that the good ones are daily and hourly preying upon the harmful ones in our bodies, and so keeping us in good health.

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SAND AND GRAVEL SUIT RAISES A NEW ISSUE

Washington, December 9.—Whether the power to regulate navigation gives the government the right to appropriate private property within the banks of a stream, and remove such property for use in aid of navigation elsewhere on the stream, in spite of the fact that the removal itself did not affect the navigation of the stream to the slightest extent, will be determined in the United States Supreme Court in the case of John F. Jenkins, appellant, vs. the United States. The case was argued before the court on December 8, 1926.

The facts show that the government removed sand and gravel from the bed of the Mississippi River without the consent or without compensating the owner thereof. The removal did not affect the river in its navigable aspect in the slightest extent at that point.

The sand and gravel was used to make cement blocks which were used to bulwark the banks of the river at another point. The sand and gravel, removed from a bar, which was below water at certain times of the year and above at other times, belonged to respondent as riparian owner.

The respondent brought an action in the court of claims upon an implied contract to pay for the sand and gravel taken. The court of claims held that there was no implied contract and that the property was taken under the government's power to improve navigation, and that the rights of a riparian owner are subordinate to this paramount power.

The present appeal was brought from the decision of the court of claims.

The appellant contends that when no work of navigation is undertaken on the land of a proprietor who has complete title to the land, or in his vicinity, the government is without power to remove his property or soil for use in aid of navigation at distant points, without making payment therefor; and that the right to aid navigation does not include the right to appropriate private property with the object of transporting it to distant points and there using such property in work which will have no effect on navigation at the place from which such property has been removed.

Appellant further argued that the elements of the public servitude of right of navigation over submerged or partially submerged lands are, in principle, the same as those included in a public right of way over dry land.

The government contended that there was no contract, express or implied, whereby the United States agreed to pay for the sand and gravel taken by it, and consequently the court of claims had no jurisdiction of the appellant's claim. The government claimed that the United States was entitled under its dominant right to improve navigation to take the sand and gravel from the appellant's bar without paying compensation therefor, and that the right is not restricted to taking submerged land for the improvement at the point where the land is taken, but permits the United States to take such land for the improvement of navigation anywhere on the waterway.

Tobe Moseley says the women and girls used to be in style wearing veils, but now they come right out and expose their faces to public gaze, whether they meet the approval of the public or not.

Cricket Hicks has already started to looking around for a present he can afford to give his girl for Christmas, but so far as he has not found anything expensive enough at the Tickville ten-cent store.

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Relief Work in Wake of Earthquake At America's Orphan City in Armenia



Near East Relief Orphans Repairing Damaged Streets—American Ambulance Bringing in Casualties.

THE Armenian earthquake has laid waste the most novel city in the world. Cable dispatches to the Near East Relief indicate that its orphanage centers of the organization in Leninakan, formerly Alexandropol, have been seriously damaged by the disastrous earthquake that cost 500 lives and made 80,000 homeless in the mountain country.

The orphan city was established by the Near East Relief shortly after the armistice, being housed in barracks that once belonged to the Imperial Army of the Russian Czars. At one time 35,000 children were cared for here, though rehabilitation efforts had been so successful up to the time of the earthquake that the number had been reduced to nine thousand. The disaster, however, now threatens to throw a large number more on the hands of the organization.

Relief officials on the field have estimated that a million dollars will be required to provide adequate relief in the earthquake zone and to furnish sufficient funds to repair the orphan city and maintain it until June.

People in the United States are urged by the Near East Relief, 151 Fifth avenue, New York City, to observe International Golden Rule Sunday, for the benefit of the earthquake victims and to aid in the continuation of work in the earthquake zone and in Greece, Syria, Palestine, Turkey and Persia for another year.

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FARM STOCK

FARM WORK STOCK NOW ON DECLINE

Work stock will soon bring a premium because few farmers are raising their own animals and the supply grown by breeders is getting less and less each year.

"A survey shows that old horses and mules have decreased 16.3 per cent in the last five years and young animals have decreased 52.8 per cent," says Louis W. Anderson in an address before the North Carolina Farmers' State convention. "At the present rate of production it would require 66 years to replace the horses on the farm at the present time. It would require 182 years to replace the mules. We are practicing false economy in depending on someone else to supply our work stock. Pretty soon, we shall pay dearly for our neglect."

Mr. Anderson is county agent in Perquimas county, North Carolina, and knows of actual conditions on the farms. He believes that many mares could be used in raising colts without interfering with the regular work. Work stock should be regarded as a farm product, he states, and be produced at home.

Better utilization of work stock is also necessary, he states. The stock should be kept busy, but not too busy. As a general rule, when the stock is not idle, it is worked too hard and a plan of crop rotation can be devised where the work can be better balanced throughout the year. An idle team is expensive but an overworked team will not long remain an asset on any farm.

"A lot of our teams get too much whip and not enough feed and currycomb," says Mr. Anderson. "Horses should have two ounces of salt daily but many are lucky to get two ounces per month. Many stables are cleaned only once or twice per year and the owner wonders why his mules have sore feet. Many animals suffer, too, from lack of clean, fresh water. There are many other details neglected in the care of our work stock which are essential to their efficiency."

Soy Beans as a Protein for Fattening Steers

Soy beans proved their value as a protein supplement for fattening steers at the Indiana experiment station. It was found that whole soy beans may be used to take the place of cottonseed meal in a ration of shelled corn, silage and clover hay. Soy bean hay also made a satisfactory substitute for both cottonseed meal and clover hay when used with silage and shelled corn.

The results were obtained on 50 head of two-year-old steers that weighed from 846 to 854 pounds. The daily feed of the lot that made the best gains was 12.66 pounds of shelled corn, 2.37 pounds of whole soy beans, 20.85 pounds of silage and 4.33 pounds of clover hay. The average daily gain was 2.62 pounds which cost $10.40 per hundred pounds. The selling price was $8.30, making a profit of $4.25 per steer not including pork and $9.93 when hog gains were considered.

Greased Pigs Are Safe From Mange and Scurvy

Hog lice and mange mites reduce the ruggedness and feeding qualities of their hosts. Discarded crank case oil from the auto or tractor makes an excellent hog oil after a small amount of creosote dip is added. This liquid will dispose of the lice. Crude petroleum thinned with a little kerosene is very effective in ridding hogs of mange or scurvy. Either of these oils may be used on the surface of the water in a dipping vat, in a barrel for small pigs, or may be sprinkled or sprayed over hogs crowded into a small pen. Hog oilers are very good but oftentimes fail to reach all parts of a hog's body. Clean, dry well-bedded sheds will aid materially in preventing skin parasites.

Tankage and Buttermilk as Protein Supplements

Growing pigs used in experiments by animal husbandry division men at University farm at St. Paul, Minn., made slightly better daily gains and more pork when fed dried, semi-solid, or creamery buttermilk as a protein supplement rather than tankage. Creamery buttermilk or tankage produced the most economical gains, with dried buttermilk third and semi-solid buttermilk fourth. Results of the tests with the different lots of pigs are reported in Bulletin 221, "Tankage and Buttermilk as Protein Supplements for Growing Pigs," by E. F. Ferrin and M. A. McCarty.

Supply of Horses

A review of recent census figures show that on January 1, 1925, there were 11 per cent fewer young horses on the farms of the country than there were in 1918 and 1919. We still have enough horses and mules to supply our needs for the next two or three years. There is, however, evidence that after that date horse values will climb because of a shortage. Foresighted farmers have been increasing horse production during the past few years.

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AMERICA ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS AGO

Philadelphia, December 10, 1776.—A stirring appeal for support for the Continental army was issued today by congress. It was addressed by "the representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, to the people in general, and particularly to the inhabitants of Pennsylvania and the adjacent states". What the address has particularly in view is "not only to promote unanimity and vigor through the whole states", but to excite the inhabitants of the sections near Philadelphia to an immediate and spirited exertion in opposition to the British army that now threatens to take possession of this city.

Reciting in eloquent phrases the causes of this war for independence and relating with pride the successes of the northern and southern states in forcing the enemy out of Boston and in preventing them from gaining a foothold in the Carolinas and Virginia, the address urges the people of the middle states to display equal zeal and bravery in order to prevent such a great catastrophe as the loss of Philadelphia would be.

Today's address will be followed tomorrow by a resolution addressed to the states urging them to appoint a day of fasting and humiliation "to implore of Almighty God the forgiveness of the many sins prevailing among all ranks and to beg the countenance and assistance of His providence in the prosecution of the present just and necessary war".

Place your sewing machines so the light strikes the sewing from the left. Having the machine in front of a window is not good for the eyes or the nerves.

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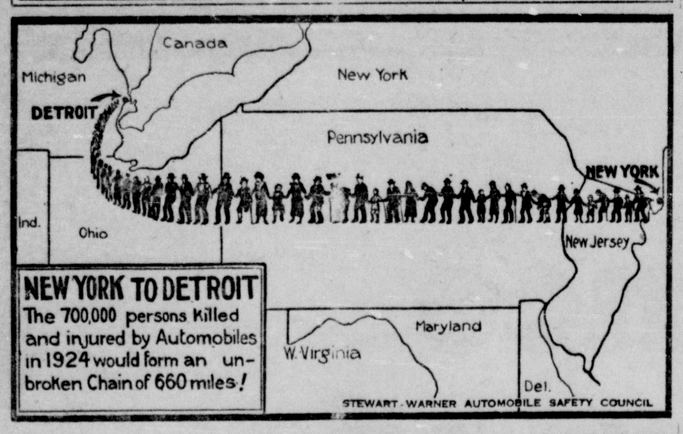
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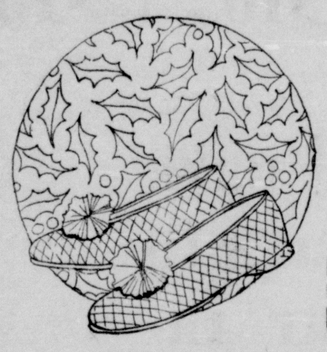
Sikeston **Phone 256** **Missouri**

Caravan of Death 660 Miles Long Is Nation's Auto Story



A CARAVAN of death and suffering 660 miles long is what the annual automobile casualties of the United States would form if placed in one continuous line. From New York to Detroit, painful mile on painful mile, this ghastly and pathetic human chain would reach. This graphic picture, prepared by the Stewart-Warner Safety Council for the prevention of automobile accidents, tells its own story. Twenty-two thousand killed annually by automobiles and 660,000 injured is the present toll caused by thoughtless drivers and careless pedestrians. Only a small per cent of the accidents are due to defects in the cars or can rightly be called unavoidable.

An Aid Toward
Filling Your Gift List



Slippers for all the family, chosen here, will prove an aid in helping to fill your gift list economically and satisfactorily. Exquisitely lovely are the many styles shown.

As a Timely Gift



Dainty enough for every social activity of the Holidays, yet substantial enough for more than the usual amount of service. A timely and practical gift.

Of Course He Would
Like to Get Shoes



Shoes as a gift appeal to men, since they are so practical, and men like practical gifts, especially if he can wear the article given.

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"THIS man says we are here for the night, and no way out of it. We're twenty-five miles from John's, too. Repairs will have to be brought four miles from Coaltown. Those huts down the hill belong to the Loneridge coal mines. The miners will have guests tonight," Mr. Long announced as he drew some tools from his automobile. The mine mechanic who had been procured when Mr. Long had walked to one of the shanties down the long winding hill when his car had refused to go, smiled and informed Mr. and Mrs. Long that he would find a place for them to stay for the night.

It was the afternoon before Christmas, when they were on their way to Mrs. Long's brother John's country home, where the Long children had gone the day before with Mrs. Long's sister's family, to be present at the family Christmas Eve festivities, with a large tree by the fireplace for the families of five brothers and sisters with parents of both Mr. and Mrs. Long. In the car were gifts not only for the Long children but for most of the other relatives. After telephoning from the mine-foreman's office to John's family that they must spend the night at Loneridge, the packages were carried to one of the



better looking huts of the foreign-speaking folks who received them hospitably. During the evening, while the hostess was preparing the meal, the woman by means of signs and unintelligible English made Mrs. Long understand that there was little Christmas festivity in the mining town.

"This woman has shown me courtesy and kindness; here is an opportunity to prove some Christmas courage and character," Mrs. Long whispered to her husband as plans began percolating through her mind. Soon the children were helping decorate the small tree which Mrs. Long had brought from her husband's store for younger members of the relatives' families, as well as her own children. Mrs. Schalska popped corn, Christmas-tree trimmings, oranges, nuts, candy and candles were produced from among the packages in the car, and a hurried trip to a small store enlarged the stock of goodies. The children, taking turns in carrying the tree, with Mr. and Mrs. Schalska, Mr. and Mrs. Long started out. Every house with boys and girls, aged or sick ones, was visited. The tree was placed on a table or chair, candles lighted for a moment while some goodies were distributed.

After a visit to each place, the family was invited to accompany this Christmas Cheer company while carols were sung outside and inside until everyone was so happy that some shouted while others cried for joy. One dear woman after listening to the story of the significance of the Yuletide season which some had made Mr. Long understand they wished to learn, drying her eyes on the corner of a faded apron, called Mrs. Long an "H-angel." The glad notes of the Christmas caroling soon reached the farther ends of Loneridge, whose inhabitants joined in a community Christmas as they made their way to the large engine house where the tree was placed in the center while they sang patriotic songs. Then, while



sacred quietness reigned, Mrs. Long repeated the Christmas story, after which Mr. Long led softly in singing, "All is calm, all is bright," when some one touched Mrs. Long on the sleeve. It was her brother, John, who was waiting in his big car to take them to his home. After their own festivities he had slipped away to bring the stranded travelers as a surprise next morning to all but his wife. As Mrs. Long arranged the packages around the small tree on the table, possibly there were visions of happy faces of Loneridge boys and girls with their note discordant in tone but full of love-harmony while they sang, "All is bright." Perhaps she wondered at the "peace that passed understanding" which she had that Christmas. She may have understood that the Loneridge Christmas Eve would be one of the happiest memories of her life because wherever and whenever the message "Inasmuch" is lived out, there will be "Peace and Good Will Among Men."

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A Christmas Carol

A bright and blessed Christmas Day,
With echoes of the angels' song,
And peace that cannot pass away,
And holy gladness calm and strong,
And sweet heart-carols flowing free:
This is my Christmas wish to thee!
—Havergal

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Dresses	Bedroom and Dining Room Linen	Hats
Coats	Towels	Caps
Overcoats	Silk Underwear	Suits
Underwear	Hand Bags	Overcoats
Sweaters	Furs	Sweaters
Umbrellas	Handkerchiefs	Underwear
Ribbons	Millinery	Knitted Vests
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Toys	Coats	Collars
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM MATTHEWS

The ladies of the Christian Church will have a bazaar and bake sale on Wednesday and Thursday, December 22 and 23, in the west side of the Matthews Store Building. They will also sell home-made candies. Persons who wish nice home-made cakes and candy for Xmas will find theme here with these ladies. When you buy from them you are helping a good cause as the proceeds are used for the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Proffer motored to Sikeston Sunday to take their baby to the doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ratcliff and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Ratcliff were 12 o'clock dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hensley of Pharris Ridge, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Deane and daughters, Missse Alice and Frankie, motored to New Madrid Saturday to visit their daughter and sister, Mrs. Aubrey Lurmit.

Doc Crider of Caruthersville and Jack Dunlap were 12 o'clock dinner guests of Misses Cecilia and Cuba Burch, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Stroud and children shopped in Sikeston Saturday.

Rev. D. E. Cannady was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Deane at six o'clock dinner Wednesday.

Mrs. Limbaugh was called to Muskeegan, Mich., Thursday on account of the serious illness of her mother.

Miss Cameron Lesley returned to her home near East Prairie, Friday, after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Critchlow motored to Sikeston Friday to visit relatives.

Miss Eathel Dunn of Sikeston spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dunn.

Mrs. G. D. Steele and Mrs. G. D. Englehart shopped in Sikeston, last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Emory and children motored to East Prairie, on Sunday, to visit relatives.

Mrs. L. F. Swartz entertained the following at 6 o'clock dinner, Wednesday evening: Misses Katherine Sackman, Laura Sharp, Thelma Davis, Elizabeth Brackel and Mabel Macklem.

G. F. Deane motored to Cape Girardeau Saturday on business.

Miss Verna King of Cape Girardeau spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. King.

A total of 3,560,987,586 gallons of gasoline were taxed during the first six months of 1926. All of the States except Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York imposed a gasoline tax, the rate ranging from one to five cents with an average of 2.39 cents per gallon. An additional 856,450,000 gallons, it is estimated, were consumed in the four States in yhich the tax is not collected. Since 19,697,832 motor vehicles were registered in the six-months period, the gasoline consumption per vehicle averaged 225 gallons.

There are now between 4000 and 5,000 co-operative livestock shipping associations in this country, according to the latest figures of the United States Department of Agriculture. This movement has developed rapidly during the past 12 years, and must be recognized as a factor of permanent and growing importance in the marketing of livestock.

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FRIDAY MORNING

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FLAMES DESTROY DYE HOTEL TUESDAY

The Dye Hotel is practically a total loss as the result of a fire which broke out in the attic at 5:30 Tuesday afternoon, and was not totally extinguished until nearly 10 o'clock that night.

The building was a three-story stucco containing eighteen rooms, three halls and four baths and is located at the corner of Kingshighway and Malone Avenue. The fire started in the attic from electric light wires and ate its way downward into the second story ,where it was finally controlled and extinguished after a bitter fight. The blaze was discovered by George L. Dye, who was caring for the filling station that is run in connection with the hotel. He was filling the gasoline tank for a car when he happened to glance up and noticed smoke rolling out from under the eaves of the roof. He immediately went into the house to investigate and it was discovered that there was a blaze in the attic. The fire department was notified and hurried to the spot.

When they arrived, the flames had not yet broken out, but were still smouldering away under the roof. They had gotten a good hold upon the building and shortly began breaking forth into the rooms on the third floor.

The firemen made every possible effort to check the flames and keep them from getting down into the second story, but were unable to get at them effectively because of the iron roof and stucco walls. The bitter cold and a strong north wind, which fanned the flames on, added to their difficulties. The height of the building prevented water from being effectively thrown to the third floor.

Practically none of the furnishings of the house were saved, only a few personal effects and some bed linen being taken out. At the start, it looked as though the blaze could be speedily gotten under control, and all efforts were directed towards putting it out of the upper rooms. Down stairs, furniture and furnishings of all sorts were ruined by the water which ran down through from above.

In the house, sick at the time with pneumonia, was T. B. Lewis of Illinois. He was carefully bundled with bed clothes and removed from his room by the firemen, others transferring him to the Hotel Marshall upon a cot. Wednesday he was reported to be getting along very well, without showing any effects of his exposure.

The supper bell had just sounded and about thirty guests were preparing to sit down to their evening meal when the fire was discovered. Of these, eleven were regular roomers and boarders at the Hotel, who with the members of th Dye family lost practically all of their clothes and personal belongings. The building was the property of Mr. and Mrs. George Dye and was insured for only $6,000. The Dye's are not planning to rebuild before spring, at least, and for the winter will have rooms with Mrs. Crooks at the Kready flats.

COTTON GINNED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1, IN MISSOURI

County	1926	1925
Butler	4,640	5,682
Dunklin	49,088	55,773
Mississippi	10,269	12,729
Pemiscot	53,910	28,770
New Madrid	21,897	28,182
Ripley	1,747	1,526
Scott	11,387	18,527
Stoddard	7,457	15,134
All other	1,352	3,934

CARD OF THANKS

To the Fire Department and our friends, who so splendidly came to our assistance in fighting the fire, Tuesday night, we wish to take this means of expressing our appreciation.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dye and Children

TOM TANNER SUFFERS BAD FALL WHEN LADDER BREAKS

Tom Tanner received a bad fall last week, when the ladder upon which he was working, broke and fell with him to the ground. He was working upon a fililng station at Charleston, when the accident occurred. Mr. Tanner was badly bruised and shaken by the fall, his left leg being twisted out of commission by the fall so that he is forced to be about on crutches.

Mrs. Randal Wilson entertained her club and two extra tables at bridge, Tuesday afternoon.

THIRD ANNUAL DRAMA CONTEST TO BE HERE

The Third Annual Drama Contest will be held in the Sikeston gymnasium auditorium Monday afternoon and night with the following schools competing: Caruthersville, Lilbourn, Matthews, Charleston, Diehlstadt, Sikeston and Blodgett.

Caruthersville will present "Sauce For the Gosling"; Lilbourn, "The Teeth of the Gift Horse"; Matthews, "The Clod"; Charleston, "The Valiant"; Diehlstadt, "Ashes of Roses"; Sikeston, "Rain".

This is the largest contest that has been held and promises to be the best. A handsome trophy cup will be presented to the winner. Last year, Charleston won the cup.

The public is urged to attend.

OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS AT BAPTIST MISSIONARY MEETING

Mrs. E. V. Phillips, Mrs. W. D. McCoy, Mrs. B. E. Curry, Mrs. J. W. Allen, East Prairie; Mrs. W. E. Hopkins, Mrs. J. P. Lankford, Mrs. John Hobbs, Mrs. A. A. Gnann, Chaffee; Mrs. F. H. Schofield, Mrs. Clara E. Graham, Mrs. Elmer E. Oliver, Mrs. F. D. Hequembourg, Charleston; Mrs. H. L. La Grange, Mrs. W. W. Krouse, Mrs. J. T. Presson, Mrs. J. W. Cunningham, Mrs. H. A. Osman, Rev. H. Patterson, Chaffee; Mrs. R. L. Morrow, Mrs. Claud Wood, Mrs. Frank Carter, Oran; Mrs. Rilda Howlett, Mrs. Geo. Bridges, Mrs. W. C. Brewer, Mrs. J. H. Harty, Charleston; Mrs. Henry Reynolds, Mrs. Geo. Hill, Mrs. G. Penny, Fornfelt; Rev. S. C. Howard, Oran; Rev. A. B. Sadler, Fornfelt; Rev. W. L. Cochran, Mrs. C. A. Stallings, Mrs. R. H. Leslie, Mrs. B. F. Earles, Morley; Mrs. Jane Peal, Blodgett; Rev. T. M. Estes,, Mrs. T. M. Estes, Illmo; Rev. J. B. Frisbie, Kansas City; Mrs. Jas. P. Bridges, Charleston; Mrs. J. A. Hemphill, Kennett.

THIS WILL BE TRIED ON YOUR PHONE SOON

A new method of handling telephone calls will be put into effect in Sikeston, December 20. Instead of repeating the number called by the patron, the operator will say, "thank you" and then ring the telephone requested.

"Study and experience", said L. D. Randol, manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., in announcing the change, "have developed so that it no longer is necessary for the local exchange operator to repeat the number called in the vast number of cases where she is sure she has correctly understood the calling party. Consequently, the courteous acknowledgment "thank you" is being substituted in such cases.

In cases where the operator is in doubt, she will either request the number—as for instance, "Is that 234?"—or will say, "what number, please?"

The new practice results in a little quicker service, and has proved generally pleasing to subscribers where it has been established. It is a part of a nation-wide change being made by the Bell System, except in large multi-office cities where complications prevent it.

DOG MISSING FOR TWO YEARS KNOWS OWNER

J.E. Dover is happy over the finding of his Blue Llewellyn setter last week. The dog was discovered in Morehouse by Mr. Dover's son-in-law, Paul Bowman. He thought the dog was Mr. Dover's and returned to Sikeston and told him that he thought he had seen his (Dover's) dog. Mr. Dover went to Morehouse and the dog, when called by his name, Beau Blue, ran to Mr. Dover and nearly went wild with joy. The man who had the dog, said that he had bought him from a man in Sikeston and had not permitted him to run loose. Beau Blue had been gone for nearly two years, but he had not forgotten the Dovers and seems to be delighted to be back home again.

Mr. and Mrs. Pitt White of Bertrand will spend the holidays in Atlanta, Ga., with their daughter, Mrs. J. C. Brown.

This cold spell of weather has called for extra underwear and Henry Welsh has sold out his stock of red flannels that he had accumulated.

C. D. Matthews III., will arrive home Sunday from Westminster College, Fulton, Mo., to be the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Matthews, Jr., for the Chrismas holidays.

NOW IS THE TIME



To Change Transmission Grease

We guarantee that you can shift gears with no trouble at 20 degrees below zero. We have an employee who will do nothing but give the transmission and differential of automobiles his attention. With the new

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we are able to give everyone in Southeast Missouri the best of service.



Put Glycerine or Alcohol in Your Radiator Now--Today

You can save later expensive repairs of damage caused by freezing. We have charts showing the correct percentage of alcohol or glycerine to use.



Enjoy Your Motoring These Cold Days

Weatherstrip your Ford and Chevrolet. We mean these accessories will keep all the cold air out.

You Can Laugh at Cold Weather

if you will drive into our service ssation and let us equip your car with one of our heaters. We have in stock heaters for all makes and models of automobiles.

A Wonderful Radio Set Free



You will receive with every 50c purchase at Sensenbaugh's a key—some one will receive the Master Key that unlocks the "Mysterious Lock" now on display.

The lucky person holding the Master Key gets a wonderful radio set free, completely equipped ready for installation—a $238 radio. The person holding the greatest number of keys wins a $10.00 purchase slip good in trade at our place of business.

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PHONE 667 DAY OR NIGHT

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CHILD IS VICTIM OF MYSTERIOUS FIRE

Dexter, December 15.—Charles Wesley, one-year-old foster son of Charles W. Newland of near here, was burned to death late Tuesday when the Newland farm home was destroyed by fire.

Members of the family were in an adjoining field picking cotton and had left the child at home, asleep. The building was in flames when they discovered the fire but Newland rushed into the house and carried the child out, after it had been suffocated by the smoke. Origin of the fire has not been determined.

VICE BILL TO COME BEFORE STATE LEGISLATURE

The Fifty-fourth General Assembly, which convenes at Jefferson City January 5, will be asked to consider a bill against the commercialized aspect of vice, sponsored by the Missouri Social Hygiene Association, a citizens organization with headquarters in St. Louis.

According to Charles E. Miner Executive Secretary of the Association, "the bill has been endorsed by a large number of social service and civic organizations, including the League of Women Voters and the Missouri Conference for Social Welfare, and approved by public health and police officials. It has been drawn after a careful study of our statutes and is an attempt to provide officials with an adequate means for coping with commercialized vice. It has nothing to do with private morals, but interferes with those who traffic in vice for profit".

BRINGS IN PEDIGREE DAIRY STOCK TO SIKESTON

Charles and Harold Hebbeler have brought to their dairy farm near Sikeston, seven pure-bred Jersey heifers. These animals were purchased from several dairy breeders in Jasper County, one of the states leading dairy sections, with the advice and assistance of the Missouri Pacific Dairy Specialist, Mr. Nevins.

One of the heifers is a daughter of the cow which won the State championship for the production of butterfat, winning the Silver Medal Championship with a reward of 576 pounds of butterfat in 305 days at 2 years of age.

The Hebbelers bought these fine heifers in the hopes that more people in this section of the country can be induced to take up dairying and to raise fine cattle. All seven are purebred Jersey's and are for sale at actual cost. The Hebbelers also have several fine cows from their own herd which they are willing to sell to those interested in getting a start at dairying.

Their faith in purebred stock is not confined to cattle alone as three purebred Poland China brood sows were brought to their farm from Carmio, Illinois.

EASTERN STARS ELECTED OFFICERS THURSDAY NIGHT

The ladies of the Eastern Star elected officers for the coming year at a meeting held last Thursday night, officers being as follows:

Worth Matron—Mrs. Melvin Limbaugh.

Worthy Patron—W. E. Hollingsworth.

Associate Matron—Mrs. Nellie Mount.

Conductress—Mrs. Mary Dudley.

Associate Conductress—Mrs. Ruth Limbaugh.

Treasurer—Miss Lillian Putnam.

Secretary—Mrs. Lucy Humphreys.

AMERICAN LEGION TO HAVE BANQUET FRIDAY NIGHT

The Henry Meldrum Post of the American Legion will give a banquet at the Hotel Del Rey, Friday, December 17, at 7:00 o'clock. All ex-service men and Legionnaires are invited to attend. There will be no charge. Those planning to attend are asked to leave their names with Harry Dudley or Irvin Cox, who are in charge of arrangements for the banquet.

Entertainment for the banquet has been planned and afterwards plans for the work of the Legion for the forthcoming year will be discussed.

Mrs. James Kevil entertained the Friday Afternoon Bridge Club, Friday.

Repairs and redecorations for the Methodist Church have at last been completed and the church is now in the best condition which it has been in for a number years.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM NEW MADRID

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mann entertained the Tuesday Bridge Club with a night party Tuesday evening at their home on Scott Street, with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hunter, Jr., playing as substitutes. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Mann were the recipients of the prizes, a pair of sox and a pair of pillow cases. Concluding the evening's pleasure, a delightful collation was served.

Miss Daisy Peterman of Jackson was the guest of Miss Nan Riley last week.

Mrs. Fannie R. Fine of St. Louis arrived last week to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Riley, Sr.

Mrs. W. B. Lacy, of the Commercial Hotel, spent Monday in Morehouse. She was accompanied home by her niece, Miss Vera Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lynn of Charleston were shopping in New Madrid last Friday.

Mrs. Ambros Kerr and daughter, Miss Irene, made a trip to Paducah, Ky., last Saturday and attended a funeral of a friend, Sunday.

Earl Hamilton of Douglas, Georgia visited his mother, Mrs. Ambrose Kerr, several days the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Householder returned Sunday from Florida, where they spent the last eight months.

Miss Maggie McClelland of Eldorado, Ill., arrived Saturday of last week on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. Albert Lee.

Fount Lee, age about 68 years died suddenly Monday morning about 11 o'clock near Ristine, about six miles northwest of New Madrid. He had been in usual health and became very ill with a smothering spell and died before he could be gotten to bed. Mr. Lee was a prosperous farmer, and very highly respected by all who knew him. His wife before her marriage was Miss Annie Mitchell, preceded him to death a number of years ago. He is survived by three sons and five daughters. Funeral services were held at the family residence on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment in the family cemetery. Many friends of the family extend sympathy in their bereavement.

J. R. Grabenhorst of Canalou made a business trip to New Madrid, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cruchon and the latter's mother, Mrs. John Cobb of Marston, attended the funeral of a relative at Poplar Bluff, Sunday.

Mrs. Maggie Totty of Sikeston spent Saturday in New Madrid, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Park.

Mrs. W. T. Royer, accompanied by her daughters, Mrs. C. Rassmussen and Miss Hilma, returned from St. Mary's Infirmary, Cairo, Saturday, where she had been receiving treatments.

L. Robbs of Portageville was a business visitor in New Madrid, Wednesday.

Mrs. D. C. Kimes and daughter, Miss Marguerite, were guests of Mrs. Mary Griffith last Saturday and Sunday.

KING WINTER PAYS VISIT TO SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

Old King Winter, after several threats, has at last come through with a visit to Southeast Missouri. His visit, although forecast by the weather reports, came swiftly, weather reporter, Drummond of the Western Union office, having noticed on his records that within twenty-four hours the weather had made a change of 37 degrees. Monday, the lowest temperature recorded was 53 degrees. Tuesday, the lowest temperatur was 16 degrees. The lowest stage of the mercury on Wednesday was 13 degrees.

OIL WELL NEARLY EIGHTEEN HUNDRED FEET DOWN

Work at the oil derrick near Himmel was resumed Monday morning after a short lay-off and the well has now been sunk to a depth of nearly 1800 feet.

Work will be continued through the winter whenever the weather permits and the promoters hope by spring to reach oil-bearing sand.

Miss Sara Malone spent Monday and Tuesday in St. Louis.

The Co-Workers held a very successful bazaar at the home of Mrs. J. W. Black Tuesday afternoon. Between $50 and $60 was realized from the sale of candy, cakes and fancy work and the ladies were quite well pleased with the results.



WHO WAS THE POET WHO SAID

"Anticipation is always greater than realization"?

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IN MY WAY

By Warren T. Kingsbury

It's a ticklish business, this, attempting to describe a girl. So, rather than lay myself liable to the hair-pulling of a furious female, I shall limit my description of her personal appearance to the statement that she is a wonderfully attractive looking girl. But a flow of descriptive adjectives is not necessary in this case for we are not so much concerned with the girl's appearance as with her disposition. Perhaps we do wrong when we say disposition, for it is true that voice can sometimes be falsely regarded as an indication of disposition and we doubt certainly that her disposition is as harsh as her voice usually is. But, nevertheless, the tone of voice in which a thing adds much to the meaning of the words and gives us an admirable insight into the frame of mind of the speaker. And so, we mention her voice.

Not gentle and soothing as the Zephyrs of Spring. More like a raucous burst of static from the mouthpiece of a radio loud-speaker. A voice, constant in volume and of such intensity that it would make its owner a formidable contender in a hog-calling contest. We really have no fault to find with its volume. In fact, we think it quite admirable that this young lady should be enabled to stand on her front porch and by her voice convey some piece of intelligence to a neighbor a block or so away. What we do deplore, is her inability to modulate it to an ordinary conversational tone on any occasion. We feel touched with sympathy for the members of her family and her friends who are forced to expose their ears daily to its vigor. We wonder that they have survived, lo, these several years, without having had their ear-drums split or at least having been deafened much as a machine gunner is from the constant fire of his weapon. For this young lady keeps up a continual cannonade of words. That her voice is in some degree indicative of her disposition may only be sensed by the rapidity with which she shouts, (one can hardly designate the effusions coming from her vocal chords as speech) the hast with which she expells her words expressing in some measure, the temper or excitement of her mind, as the case may be. If she is angry, her words run together like drops of mercury, colliding with one another; if she is merely excited, they rush forth like the clicks from the typewriter of a stenographer, who has from some unknown cause, gotten into a hurry. So one can tell at least, whether "the loudest girl in town" is angry or just merely excited and govern their actions accordingly.

I've known for sometime that 'good intentions" are the popular type of pavement in Hell, but I just recently learned that they were like eggs. And the reason—if they're not hatched out pretty soon, they go bad.

This cold weather has caused much concern among some of our kind-hearted men who shiver all over as they watch the young ladies trip along the streets with only their silk stockings to protect them from their knees down. "Brrr! how do they stand it. How do they keep from taking pneumonia" are typical thoughts. But we know of one young lady they can cease being concerned about. Over her silks, turned down just below the knee, she wears heavy woolen golf hose. And with the silks, "nude color", the first impression is quite startling.

Light on the whereabouts of a few of the street curb loafers came to me the other day when I started up the stairs to an office and found the stairway blocked by those who had come in to partake of the warmth of the radiator on the stairway and had settled to positions of comfort on the stairway.

Not all of the tramps go south with the birds. You still can note them through town occasionally and the benches of the park have given way to the floor of the boiler room at the City Hall as a place to spend the night. The boiler room floor is hard, but its warmth is to be preferred to the chill of the winter night.

Seven more shopping days before Christmas. How time flies!

The vitamin content of milk depends largely on the vitamin content of the ration of the cow. Milk richest in vitamins is obtained from cows that have plenty of green feed and sunlight. Cows kept in their stalls and fed largely on dry feeds and cured hay produce milk that is relatively low in vitamins.

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MAN KILLED IN ARK. WAS SHOT AT HERE

A chapter in the life of Alfred Haynes, shot and killed by an officer in Blytheville, Ark., Sunday, that will be of interest to Sikeston people was revealed by his diary.

Haynes, 40 years of age, from Ripley, Tenn., was shot and killed at 1:30 Sunday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Buck Tomlinson. Three shots were fired by the officer, only one of which took effect, that in the right breast, death being instantaneous.

The story as related by Tomlinson and Deputy Sheriff Pink Luteral, who accompanied him, follows:

"We were driving by the Bugg Park, on the Blytheville-Leachville concrete road. As we passed the park we noticed the man walking about in the edge of the park, just off the concrete. We stopped our car and went toward the man, finally asking him what he was doing there. As we neared Haynes he kept moving from us. Finally we told him to stop, that we desired to talk with him. He replied that he would not stop. I (Tomlinson) had advanced near enough to take hold of Haynes' coat tail. At this Haynes grabbed for his .45 revolver, which became entangled in his coat. We wrestled for some time, Haynes endeavoring to release his weapon, when I fired".

An ambulance was called and the body taken into Blytheville, where Haynes had several relatives. He had for several years been adjudged insane, but was considered harmless by all who knew him. He had enjoyed considerable reputation as a musician in West Tennessee, he and his brother being members of Haynes' Orchestra there years ago.

In Haynes' personal effects was found a diary in which he had jotted down a daily record of his wanderings and the experiences which had befallen him. One notation referred to a stay in Sikeston and told of his having camped out in a farmer's barn for several days. The record related how he built his fire in the center of the barn floor and made himself at home until the farmer discovered him and called an officer.

The officer came out and started to arrest him. Haynes attempted to escape, but the officer managed to catch hold of his coat tail. Just then, a cow, aroused from her sleep by the disturbance rushed for the barn door and in her rush came between the two struggling men, carrying them out the door with her and breaking the officer's hold upon Haynes' coat tail so that he managed to escape despite several shots that were fired after him.

The officers at Blytheville phoned to the police here to find if this had actually happened here. As officer Sexton had reported such an occurrence several weeks back, they were answered in the affirmative.

Second Election Contest Filed

New Madrid, December 14.—The second election contest growing out of November's voting in which candidates for county offices won by a narrow margin has been filed here.

George M. Meier, of Parma, who, on the face of the official returns, was defeated for state representative by a margin of 30 votes by T. A. Penman of Portageville, has filed a petition to contest the election, alleging fraudulent voting, coercion, miscounting and charging that votes in many places counted for Penman should have been counted for him.

This contest will be decided by the state legislature, which will determine from testimony whether Penman should be seated. Depositions will be taken here.

The other contest pending here is against the election of Miss Lilly Dawson as circuit clerk.

Always Pays to Try Phosphate on Corn

Results Secured From Tests Made in Minnesota.

Dr. F. J. Alway, chief of the soils division, university of Minnesota, recently reported the results from a series of trials of phosphate on corn on 55 farms in Jackson county. As the corn was husked and weighed up in September, it was found, he says, that on about one-third of the fields there was no distinct effect. On another third there was an increase of 5 to 10 per cent, and on the remaining third an increase of 10 to 20 per cent. When the corn had been thoroughly dried there was far more shrinkage with the unfertilized than with the fertilized corn in nearly all cases, due to the fact that the fertilized corn was more mature.

About one-third of the fields gave no appreciable gain of dry-shelled corn; another third showed an increase of 10 to 25 per cent, and the remaining third of 25 to 60 per cent.

Doctor Alway concludes that in Jackson county, with such a season as the one in 1925, there is chance of a profitable use of phosphate on corn land, and he would encourage farmers in all southwestern counties of Minnesota to try phosphate on a small scale on their corn. Applications may well consist, he says, of 50 pounds per acre of treble superphosphate, about 100 pounds of 20 per cent acid phosphate, or 125 pounds of 16 per cent acid phosphate.

Proper Storage of Ice for Summer Very Simple

It isn't so much what kind of building the farmer stores his ice in, as how he packs it.

Storage of ice for summer use is simpler than generally believed. A properly constructed ice house is desirable, but any building affording protection from wind and rain may be used.

Proper packing is more important than the design of the house. The two important factors are the packing material and the ice block.

"Sawdust is a satisfactory packing material. It is easily obtainable everywhere. Frame walls of single thickness require 18 inches of sawdust around the sides, top, and bottom of the ice block. Twelve to 14 inches of sawdust will do for houses having double walls with a dead air space. Proper drainage must be provided beneath the ice block."

Keep the ice cakes close together on edge, if you want the ice to keep well.

Smooth the surface of each tier of cakes with adz or ax. Force the ice chips between any cracks that may remain. Place the next tier of cakes directly on the first, and so on until the house has been filled. The entire ice block will tend to freeze together as one huge cake.

Some Fertilizers Mixed Without Curing at Home

The statement often heard, "That fertilizer must be cured" is only a part truth and likely to be misleading, says A. W. Blair, professor of soil chemistry at the New Jersey experiment station.

When rock phosphate or a mixture of rock phosphate and low-grade organic material is treated with sulphuric acid in the manufacture of acid phosphate, it is necessary for the resulting material to go through a process of curing. In this curing, time must be allowed for completing the chemical reaction, both for the escape of noxious gases and for the mass to dry so that it may be properly pulverized. But once the acid phosphate is properly prepared it becomes a commercial product which is easily handled and may be mixed with other fertilizer materials in the making of complete fertilizers. These mixed fertilizers may be used immediately without any further curing or processing.

For example: A mixture may be made up of acid phosphate, nitrate of soda, sulphate of ammonia, tankage and muriate of potash, and used the day it is mixed and give just as good results as it would if allowed to stand two months.

FARM NOTES

Plan to paint the farm buildings during the slack season.

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A fertile soil is evidence of a fertile brain in the farmer's head.

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Before planning to increase production, make sure the product can be sold.

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Waste oil from the tractor, car, or truck engine crank case works fine in a hog oiler.

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In every farming community there ought to be a rogue's gallery of farmers who rob their soils.

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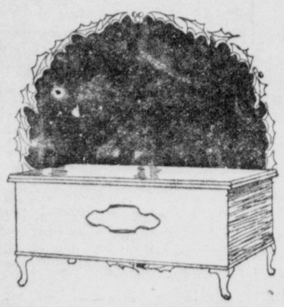
Clip the stubble fields this fall and see how much better clover and grass you will have next year.

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The farmer's No Man's Land is out where the wet begins. Tile drains make pretty good shock troops.

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NEW ARRIVALS Back order for special pattern in dinnerware and another for lot of brass novelties—arrived this week. It goes out for a song as compared to regular prices. Further shipment of Bird of Paradise China bought by a lot of people last Christmas was placed some months ago and it is now in. Those who have already bought should fill in while they can at a price.

Iron Beds Must Be Sold Two-inch Posters—the kind you have been paying $10 for all along; take 'em **$6.75**

12 Foot Linoleum 95c Square Yard

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BEN F. MARSHALL MARRIED IN ST. LOUIS, WEDNESDAY

Ben F. Marshall, son of Mrs. Florence Marshall, of this city, was married in St. Louis Wednesday, according to telegrams received here by friends and relatives.

The messages were brief and gave no particulars, reading: "Just married, everybody happy, will see you Thursday night. Love to all. Ben and Catherine".

As we go to press, we have been unable to secure any particulars of the marriage or any information concerning the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lemings spent the day Sunday in Dexter visiting relatives.

Byron File of Charleston has been appointed highway engineer of Mississippi County by Gov. Baker to succeed P. A. Tanner, also of Charleston, resigned.

Mrs. Viola Parsons, who has been spending the past few months in Grand Rapids, Mich., will arrive this week to spend the remainder of the winter at home. She will be accompanied home by her sister, Mrs. J. K. Stark.

OFFICERS FOR REBEKAH LODGE ELECTED FRIDAY

The following officers were elected by the Rebekah Lodge last Friday night: Noble Grand, Miss Lucy Andres; past noble grand, Mrs. Harvey Morrison; secretary, Mrs. C. C. White; treasurer, Mrs. Frank Martin; vice grand, Mrs. John Durbin.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Craig, a son, December 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Goodwin are the parents of a baby girl, born on Wednesday morning.

Mrs. C. D. Matthews, Jr., was hostess to four tables of bridge Monday afternoon and to five tables, Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Ruth Baker, who has been attending Lindenwood College at St. Charles, arrived home for the holidays, Wednesday night.

The Young Ladies' Circle of the Christian Church held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Ray Duncan, Tuesday night.

Miss Lucille Stubblefield returned home for the holidays Wednesday night from Columbia, where she has been attending Christian College.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Rose are expecting to have as their guests for the holidays, their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harry A .Rose of Dermott, Arkansas.

The T. E. L. and Amoma classes of the Baptist Sunday school will meet at the church Frdiay night to prepare a Christmas box for the Orphans Home in St. Louis.

Roy Y. Smith of Wellsville, who has traded for the W. T. Jones 320 acres in Big Opening, was in Sikeston this week making arrangements to move his family to his farm.

The members of the Sunday School at Miner Switch will have a Christmas program and tree, Friday night, December 24. The tree is open to all to place gifts upon for their children and friends.

E. H. Barger of Wardell spent Wednesday and Thursday in Sikeston transacting business with the A. J. Matthews Co. While here he was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Barger.

Hershel Tyre, Jimmie Howell and Jack Phelps are expected to arrive in Sikeston some time Friday or Saturday for the holidays. As they are making the trip from Westmnister College, Fulton, Mo., to Sikeston in an old Ford, the hour of their arrival is difficult to forecast. We trust that they wil lget here ultimately.

A SECOND MARRIAGE AT 122!

The death occurred at Dromara, County Down, few weeks ago, of a man who claimed to be the oldest person in the British Isles. His name was William Smith, and his reputed age 126 years.

It is only a few years ago that the death took place of a Pole named Krassinski, who claimed to be well over 130 years old. He served in the French imperial guard from 1809 to 1813, and bore the scars of wounds received in the battle of Leipzic. He had vivid recollections of the disastrous retreat from Moscow, as well as the famous disaster at Beresina. Krassinski's father lived to 117 and his mother to ninety-seven.

John Shell, a Kentucky farmer, who died four or five years ago, claimed to be 125 years old. Some tourists discovered him, and the result of newspaper publicity was an examination by medical experts, whose verdict was that his claim was probably true. His own statement was that the year of his birth was 1788.

There died in Louisiana not long ago an old negress who was a grown woman when she was "imported" from her native Africa. Most of the slaves who were set free after the Civil War had been born in the United States, but she was one of the original stock actually captured and brought from her native land in 1825.

The oldest well-attested case of longevity is that of "Old Par", whose grave is one of the curiosities of Westminster Abbey. He died at the age of 152. Parr remained a bachelor until he was over eighty, when he married and became the father of a son and a daughter. He was married a second time at 122, and is said to have worked on a farm until he was 130.—Tit-Bits.

Members of the Sikeston Lions Club were hosts to their wives and ladies, Thursday night at the Hotel Marshall.

Joe Albright is expected to arrive home for the holidays Sunday from Central College where he has been attending school this fall.

Mrs. M. H. Stallcup of Hot Springs, Ark., arrived Thursday to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lawrence at the Del Rey Hotel.

Rev. S. P. Brite accompanied his sister-in-law, Miss Katherine Duncan to St. Louis, Wednesday, where she entered the Missouri Baptist Sanitarium for treatment.



Specials For Christmas

How many and what gifts you plan to give for Christmas may depend a lot on how many you can get for the money you plan to spend. That is where these special values will aid you. You can bny a greater number of gifts without sacrificing the quality of any item.

Plenty of Gifts Await Your Choice at Less Than Usual Prices

Time and again we have customers ask us how we can give such values for the money. Well, we are satisfied with a small margin of profit for one thing. Note these offerings:

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Mrs. Harry Dover was hostess to the Embroidery Club, Thursday.

Mrs. G. H. Barger went to St. Louis Tuesday afternoon to enter the Missouri Baptist Sanitarium for an operation upon her arm.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

Default having been made in payment of dues, interest and authorized advances, equal to more than six months dues and interest payment, secured by note described in deed of trust executed by J. W. Spies, Sr., and his wife Amelia M Spies, dated May Twentieth, Nineteen hundred Twenty-Four, and recorded on the Eighteenth Day of June, Nineteen Hundred Twenty-Four, in office of Recorder of Deeds for Scott County, Missouri, at Benton, Missouri, in Book number 45, at Page number 112, conveying to undersigned the following described real estate and improvements thereon in the County of Scott, State of Missouri, to-wit:

All of Lot number Five (5) in Block number Four (4) of McCoy and Tanners First Addition to the City of Sikeston, according to the recorded plat thereof, and all improvements thereon.

Now, in accordance with the terms and conditions of said note and deed of trust and the legal holder and owner of said note and deed of trust having declared the whole debt due as secured thereby, I will, at the request of said legal holder and owner, on

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14th, 1927

between the hours of 9:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m. of said day sell the above described property to the highest bidder for cash at the Front Door of the Post Office in the Town or City of, Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri, for the purpose of satisfying said debt and costs.

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Trustee

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Kansas City—U. S. Highway No. 40 between Kansas City and St. Louis to be opened soon.

Raising domestic rabbits for meat and fur is a rapidly growing industry in this country, says the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, and the question of the most profitable disposition of the wastes is one of sufficient importance to challenge the attention of scientists. As in the case of packing-house wastes, part of the discarded material is recoverable as grease, part as dried blood, and the greater part as tankage or ammoniate fertilizer.

Laroy—New bridge to be erected across Drywood Creek.

Belton—Bell Telephone Company rebuilding its line from Belton to Kansas City.

Edgerton—New schoolhouse here dedicated.

Fayette—Plans under way to construct paved road from Fayette to New Franklin.

Unionville—Work progressing on new Stalcum building on West Main Street.

Shell City—Several streets of city to be paved.

Laddonia—Missouri Power & Light Company to increase voltage of street lights in business section and repair street lights in other sections of town.

Ozark—Pet Milk Company may locate condensery here.

Poplar Bluff—Russell Packing Co. establishing branch packing plant in this town.

Quincy—New state highway from Quincy to Palmyra, under construction.

Milan—Several streets of town being paved.

De Soto—Work statred on new Ely & Walker Shirt Factory here.

Ray Weidel had his tonsils removed Sunday morning.



CHRISTMAS TIME IS CANDY TIME

Sure enough, what's Christmas without candy? Might as well have Christmas without Santa Claus, and toys and trees?

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The POSTMAN and CHRISTMAS



by MARY GRAHAM BONNER

EVER since she had been a child she had thought that the postman was about the most interesting person in the world. He it was who brought all the letters and packages and papers and magazines, who always might be bringing any number of surprises.

To be sure, he often passed the house without leaving anything, but then there was always the chance that he might bring anything.

At Christmas time he was the most wonderful sort of a person, with his bag filled with presents and cards and calendars and letters from friends she was sure would not forget her, and from friends she was so pleased had not forgotten her.



Sometimes he brought just the most delicious mail of all—sometimes he brought a fruit cake, or a box of candy that a friend of hers had made.

So it was that she, Minnie, had always loved postmen in general, and now it seemed as though she were being particularly fond of one postman in particular. He was on their route and he often came in and chatted after the day's work was over.

She had gone to school with him and she had always liked him. The old postman was a dear—no matter how many bundles he was carrying at Christmas time he always seemed to be happy that his load was heavy, because it meant just that much more joy along the route.

But he had retired and now every Christmas they took his present to him and sat and chatted with him and with his wife, who always brought out her Christmas cake to be shared by all.

She had not been displeased when the schoolday friend had been given this route.

Not displeased at all.

Ray was tall and very good-looking. She thought he looked so well in his postman's uniform. And certainly he seemed a little interested in her.

She was not displeased in this.

Not displeased at all.

Christmas Day, he had said, there would be no mail delivery. So she was a little surprised to see him coming down the street and up the steps of their house.

"I wonder if we're going to have mail after all," she said to herself. It hadn't occurred to her that he was not in his postman's uniform, and that he was coming just to see her. To be sure, he stopped in when he was off duty, but she had never quite felt he was so much interested in her as that he enjoyed the whole family. She did belong to such a nice family, so jolly and cordial and friendly as they all were, and such fun.



And then it was all so clear, as they sat before the fire that Christmas afternoon, that he was interested in her—very, very much interested in her. More so than she had even thought or hoped or dreamed.

In fact, he told her all about it.

And she was not displeased.

Not displeased at all.

Nor was he displeased.

Not displeased at all.

For she agreed that to be a postman's wife was not such a bad idea, and that, apart from everything else, it would be so particularly nice to know that the postman was going to come to one's house every single day in the whole year—to their own house.

And, as she said, it was such fun being engaged to a postman in the Christmas season.

He had not been too busy to think of her!

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Christmas Tie

Wife gave him
a
surprise,
A tie made for
his
sake,
'Twas very like
the
ties
That mother used
to
make.
—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Large Christmas Trees

The white pines are best for community and church Christmas trees as their size is more adapted to larger spaces. The spruce is one of the most common of Christmas trees.

Guard Against Fire

Careful citizens keep a pailful of water handy under the highly inflammable Christmas tree.

GIFT SHOPPING SUGGESTIONS

That place this store on a par with any and above the many, as a place where Christmas buying may be done satisfactorily and economically



Attractively Priced
GIFT GLOVES
And equally attractively styled and finely fashioned. They are the very latest in style, and are of a quality that will give service.

Sweater Coats
Sweater Coats, that exceptionally acceptable gift, especially for men who enjoy outdoors sports of any kind. Many colors and weaves.

Hosiery
Hosiery—single pairs or in boxes of three, six or a dozen, supplies an excellent answer to many a gift problem.

House Coats
House Coats for gift gviing. A garment that a man enjoys owning, yet it is one thing he will seldom buy for himself.

Handkerchiefs
Handkerchiefs—plain or initialed, in gift assortments. Some with wide hems, some with medium or narrow hems.

Hats
Hats—the very latest shapes, in a wide variety of dimensions, colors and trimmings. A style for each individual type of face.

Underwear
Underwear makes an especially attractive gift, since it is so practical. We box your purchase in a handsome gift box.

Shirts
Shirts—a wonderful gift suggestion, since every man can use at least one new Shirt, and most men will appreciate getting several.

LINENS
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A satisfactory sort of a gift, since it meets a practical need in every home—and the cost is within reason.

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PROMINENT MISSISSIPPI CO. FARMER DIED WEDNESDAY

E. L .Brown, prominent Mississippi County farmer, died at his home in Charleston Wednesday night at 9:00 o'clock.

Mr. Brown was one of this section's pioneer farmers having been brought to Mississippi County by his father, at an early age. He settled at Price's Landing and cleared up and placed under cultivation much of the land there, where he made his home until some ten years ago, at which time he retired and moved into Charleston, where he was interested in the Charleston Bank. He was a member of the Methodist church at Price's Landing and was practically responsible for its continued existence.

Mr. Brown was 82 years of age and for the past several months had been suffering with kidney trouble. Funeral services will be held for him at the home in Charleston, Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Besides his wife, Mr. Brown is survived by two sons, Aphia Brown and E. Lindsay Brown, both of Charleston. His daughter-in-law, Mrs. E. Lindsay Brown, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Sikes, of this city.

WHO SAYS THERE IS NO SANTA CLAUS?

"I am one of those of God's children", William Allen White told the young men and young women of Kansas university yesterday, "who believe in Santa Claus".

We all believe in Santa Claus. The world believes in Santa Clause, and we are glad of it. We wouldn't live in a world that didn't believe in Santa Claus.

Laugh at it as we may; hail it back to the kindergarten and the primary clas as a tale that belongs to the children, nevertheless we know there is a Santa Claus and we love him.

A meek and humble reporter, who gained an audience one day last week with the governor of Kansas, seeking an interview on grave and mighty question of state, was greeted with this salutation:

"I have been looking at that picture of Santa Claus in your paper, and reading the story, I am bound to see him when he comes to Kansas City this year".

On a train running out of Kansas City an eminent scientists in the medical world, member of the faculty of a great university, carried a big box labeled "Books".

"Not really books", he explained mysteriously, "but Christmas presents for the family, I camouflage them this way in order to keep them until Christmas morning".

Sly old medical scientist, who would scoff publicly at the fact of a real Santa Claus, but knows down in his heart that there is one!

In the business district a woman who rode to the store in a limousine; driven by a uniformed chauffeur, stood beside a woman at the Christmas toy counter who had come downtown in a street car and who timed her shopping by the store clock, lest her transfer slip expire, both of them inspired by the faith expressed by the Emporia editor—there is a Santa Claus.

Evolutionist, fundamentalist, capital and labor, Republican, Democrat, the ultra rich, the lowly poor—we all believe in Santa Claus, thank God, to the last penny of our spending money and the ultimate limit of our credit. Taking up the title of Mr. White's declaration of faith, we sing in chorus:

"Some say there ain't no Santa Claus, but we know darn well there is!"—K. C. Star.

Milan—3-mile gap in Milan-Green City road to be graveled.

Horticultural News

MEDIUM PRUNING AIDS RASPBERRY

During the past seasons the Wisconsin Experiment station has carried on trials in heading-in the red raspberry, using approximately these three practices. The data secured in 1919 showed little difference in the crop secured from the light and medium pruning, but a marked reduction in the crop resulted from cutting back the canes severely.

In 1920 the plants receiving medium heading-in outyielded those which were given only a light pruning. The differences in some cases were quite marked. As in 1919, the severe heading-in materially reduced the crop. Later experiments have not changed these results to any great extent.

Either of two methods is used in heading-in the black raspberry. It may be pruned in the same way as the red, the heading-in, however, usually being more severe. As this method requires less attention it is the one usually followed in the home plantation. The yields received are ordinarily somewhat less than where the system of "summer pinching" is practiced.

The second method is commonly designated as "summer pruning" or "summer pinching." When this method is employed the tips of the new shoots are pinched out when they are 18 to 24 inches high. To carry out this method properly it is necessary to go over the plantation two or three times during the first half of the growing season, as all the shoots will not reach the desired size at the same time.

This "pinching back" will cause side branches to develop on which the fruiting wood of the following season will appear. These side branches are cut back in the spring, leaving them from 8 to 15 inches long. It may be advisable, also, when the number of new shoots is large to remove some of the weaker ones during the growing season.

Locate Orchard as Near Farm Home as Possible

The home orchard should be located near the home if possible. This is important because the producer will usually get more satisfaction and value out of the home orchard if the fruits can be procured easily and promptly when desired. It is possible, however, that in order to locate the fruits close to the house, it may be necessary that they be grown upon soil less adapted to fruit culture. Since one can usually make by extra care and attention the plot for the home orchard more desirable, this matter should not prevent the planting of a home orchard. The big factor to keep in mind is to locate the orchard as near the home as possible and in an accessible place. Under proper care and attention the soil will generally respond favorably.

Planting Distances for Fruit Trees Will Vary

The planting distances for all the fruits vary greatly, but, in general, the following may be used with good results: Apple—30 to 36 feet apart each way; pear—24 to 30 feet; peaches—20 to 24 feet; cherries—18 to 22 feet; plums—18 to 22 feet; grapes—8 feet in the row and 10 feet between the rows; currants and gooseberries—4 to 6 feet in the row and 6 to 8 feet between the rows; blackberries and raspberries—4 to 6 feet in the row and 8 feet between the rows; strawberries—commercial plantings are usually made 3 feet in the row and 3½ to 4 feet between the rows; for the home orchard, however, they may be planted much closer, from 1½ to 2 feet in the row and 2½ to 3 feet between the rows

Cheap Plan to Protect Fruit Trees in Autumn

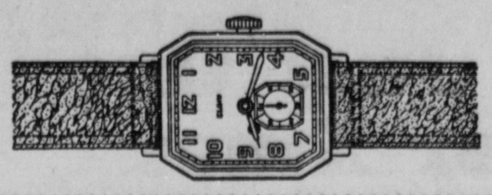
A single rabbit has been known to girdle a dozen young fruit trees a day. The juicy bark is especially liked by both rabbits and mice.

It is cheaper to protect trees than bridge graft in the spring, according to L. C. Williams, extension horticulturist at the Kansas State Agricultural college. He advises the placing of a protection about the trunk which may be satisfactorily made from poultry wire, building paper, or cornstalks. Such protectors should be removed in the spring to prevent them becoming a harboring place for injurious insects, he says.

Various washes often substituted for protectors are not desirable as they must be renewed to remain effective.

Life of Spray Machine

The life of the spray machine will be greatly extended if this implement is thoroughly cleaned after the season's campaign is over and stored in a dry place. The tank should be drained and cleaned, the bases of the cylinders removed and all sediment washed out, the pressure relief valve cleaned and the pressure on it released, oil placed in all wearing parts, and the hose thoroughly drained and stored in a dry place where the temperature does not become too cold.



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HARRISON OFFERS NEW FARM BILL

Washington, December 15.—A contender with the McNary measure as a farm relief bill appeared in the Senate today in the form of a bill prepared by Senator Harrison (Dem.) of Mississippi, proposing to relieve agriculture by permitting the Federal intermediate credit banks to lend farmers $1,200,000,000.

Denouncing the McNary bill as an espousal of the principle of protective tariff, the Mississippi Senator said the way to relieve agriculture was by liberalizing the intermediate credit system to permit any farmer to borrow money at low interest to hold his crop for better prices.

The McNary bill, a revision of the McNary-Haugen equalization fee measure designed to gain wider support while retaining the fundamental elements of that proposal, was introduced yesterday in the Senate, but was held out of the House proper pending an agreement among proponents on a name for it and on certain of its provisions.

Agriculture committees of both houses are expected to begin hearings on the measure next month.

Under the Harrison bill, the capital stock of the 12 intermediate credit banks would be increased from $5,000,000 to $10,000,000 each, with authority for each to make loans up to ten times its capital stock.

The interest rate would be fixed at 4 per cent and loans could be made on 85 per cent of the market value of the product. The present law requiring the intermediate banks to lend only to co-operative organizations would be broadened to permit the banks to make loans to individuals, firms and corporations, with warehouse receipts or shipping documents as security.

All agricultural products are included in the bill with a particular provision for cotton, authorizing loans on all grades, including low grades that are now barred from loans.

"A great emergency now exists and every reasonable credit should be extended by the Government to aid and assist", Senator Harrison declared.

"I am against the McNary-Haugen bill because it seeks to perpetuate the protective tariff principle upon the country. There can be no doubt that agriculture today is the one industry that languishes. The condition is due primarily to the protective tariff system.

"The purchasing power of the farmers' dollar today is around 65 cents, while that of other industries fostered by the protective tariff is from $2 to $2.25. If the present tariff system should continue, that disparity will continue to widen. Instead of the South and the agricultural West wanting to perpetuate it, as is done in the McNary-Haugen bill, those of every section interested in agriculture ought to make a common bar against the system".

A move by Representative Howard (Dem.) of Nebraska to have the House devote half its time until the Christmas adjournment to farm relief was blocked today by Chairman Snell of the Rules Committee.

Representative Aswell, of Louisiana, ranking Democrat on the Agriculture Committee, announced today he would oppose the McNary bill because it would provide for the collection of an equalization fee, on basic farm commodities.

W. I. Drummond, a member of the farm Congress which recently met in Kansas City, called on President Coolidge today with a new proposal for meeting the situation.

Drummond said a bill would be introduced soon to establish a Federal farm surplus board, with a revolving fund of $100,000,000 which it would loan to co-operative farm organizations for the purpose of buying surpluses in non-perishable commodities for storage and disposal.

Stabilization of cotton prices by curtailing reports from the Department of Agriculture of probable production estimates were considered today by the House Agriculture Committee.

The committee took up the Jones blil, which would eliminate the present semimonthly estimates beginning in July and require the department to make only four reports during the season, one each on the 1st of September, October, November and December.

Concerning the value of accuracy of the Government reports, Representative Black (Dem.) of Texas told the committee that frequency of the estimates was "demoralizing rather than stabilizing the cotton industry", and has caused violent fluctuation in prices.

Reprsentative Fort (Rep.) of New Jersey wanted to know whether frequent reports did not actually limit speculation because they eliminated uncertainty "which is what speculation feeds on".

Black replied that "no propaganda the cotton bears could have advanced would have been better than the Government reports. He added that the reports were necessary to balance private estimates, but that frequency of them resulted in a constant unsteadiness of the market.

The committee will continue the hearing tomorrow.

Rev. H. L. Saunders will preach at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, taking as his sermon the subject: "The Greatness of Jesus Christ".

Milton Blanton expects to arrive home for the holidays from Atlanta. Ga., Sunday morning. Boys and girls at school in other cities will follow soon after.

Mrs. John Harper entertained the folowing gueslts with a birthday dinner Sunday for her son, Ernest: Albert Bruton, Johnny Welter, Mr. and Mrs. Ichy Arthur and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sensenbaugh.

Private Elmer J. Ulen of the Signal Corps, lone operator and in charge of the army radio station in the little town of Wiseman, at 68 degrees north latitude, in the interior fo Alaska, is also U. S. commissioner, postmaster and head of the school board. He lives in the best house in town and is regarded by the community as its leading citizen.

JURY ACQUITS FALL AN DOHENY IN OIL

Washington, December 16.—Albert B. Fall and Edward L. Doheny were acquitted today of the conspiracy charge which grew out of the Senate oil disclosures. Nineteen hours after the case was placed in its hands, a jury in criminal court here decided there had been no proof of criminal conspiracy in the oil-leasing negotiations of 1921 and 1922, resulting in the award of government leases to Doheny interests while Fall was secretary of the interior, and after Doheny had sent him $100,000 in a little black satchel.

The verdict was returned a few minutes after Justice Moehling had reconvened court after an overnight recess. Receiving no word from the jury room up to the time he opened the day's session, the judge indicated that if no verdict was reached he would hold the jurymen over another night at least.

Five minutes later, however, a message came to the bench that an agreement had been reached. The jurymen filed into the box and at 10:07 a. m. their foreman announced a verdict of acquittal. The case had been placed in the hands of the 12 men at 2:47 p. m. yesterday and when they still were unable to agree at 10 o'clock last night, Justice Hoehling had declared a recess until 10 a. m.

"The verdict ended the conspiracy proceedings against the former cabinet official and the oil magnate, since no appeal is possible. Both still are under indictment for bribery, however, as a result of the $100,000 transaction. Their counsel believes that charge will not be pressed, but the prosecution indicated today that no decision to drop the bribery charge had been reached.

Fall and Harry Sinclair, with whom he also negotiated an oil lease, also are under both conspiracy and bribery charges.

The defendants and their relatives received the verdict with undisguised emotion. Mrs. Fall wept in happiness, given way unashamed before the crowded court room.

Fall himself said his confidence in the courts "had been justified".

"I have said all along that I would leave it to the courts and that I had confidence in them", he said. "I have never liked to try a case in the newspapers, and I have nothing else to say now".

Doheny said he was "gratified" and that "the ordeal has been a terrible one".

"After a lifetime of honorable effort, I have seen my principal work, which was to make a good name to hand to my son and my grandchildren, almost destroyed", he said. "I hope that the American people, whose belief in trial by jury amounts almost to a religion, will accept the verdict of this typically American jury".

History of Oil Scandal

May 31, 1921—President Harding transferred the oil reserve from the navy to the interior department.

November, 1921—Edward L. Doheny sent $100,000 to Interior Secretary Albert B. Fall.

April, 1922—Doheny's Pan-American Petroleum and Transport Company was awarded the Pearl Harbor oil contract, carrying a clause giving it "preferential rights" on future leases in the Elk Hills oil reserve.

December, 1922—Doheny's Pan-American Company was awarded a lease to the Elk Hills reserve.

March, 1923—Fall resigned as secretary of the interior.

January, 1924—Doheny told the Senate oil committees he advanced Fall $100,000 as a private loan.

February, 1294—Secretary of the Navy, Denby, who, with Fall, had approved the leases, resigned from the cabinet.

May, 1925—Fall and Doheny were indicted for criminal conspiracy in the District of Columbia.

May, 1925—Federal court in Los Angeles invalidated Elk Hills lease, a decision subsequently affirmed by the court of appeals and now on appeal to the Supreme Court.

November 22, 1926—Trial of Fall and Doheny began in Washington.

December 16, 1926—Defendants acquitted.

NATIONAL GUARD NOTES

Wednesday night Major H. E. Dudley and Staff Sergeant Jackson visited Co. L at Doniphan. The Company had a drill attendance of three officers and forty men. At a recent drill of this organization one man walked 18 miles to get to town for drill. He was on time, too. Men with this sort of spirit are certain to make excellent soldiers if called upon in a time of National emergency.

All organizations of the 140th Infantry are preparing for the annual armory inspection which will take place early in February. Company K is working for a high rating. The general rating received at the 1926 armory inspection was "Very Satisfactory". This is the highest rating which can be given, and can only be obtained by hard work on the part of each officer and enlisted man.

Lt. Col. R. E. Truman of the 140th Infantry visited the Service Company and Headquarters Company 3rd Battalion at Cape Girardeau on last Monday, and expressed himself as being well pleased with the conditions which he found.

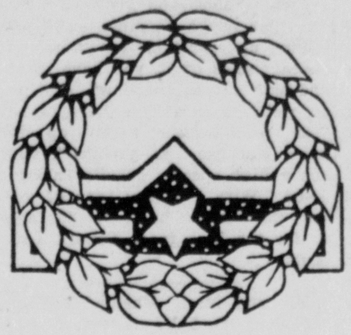
The Lutherans will have services at Miner Switch Sunday morning at 10:30. Text, John 1, 15-16. Theme: "A Lesson On Jesus, the Promised Messiah, by John the Baptist". All are welcome.—E. H. Koerber, Pastor.

Jefferson City—Work to start soon on new Missouri Hotel in this city.

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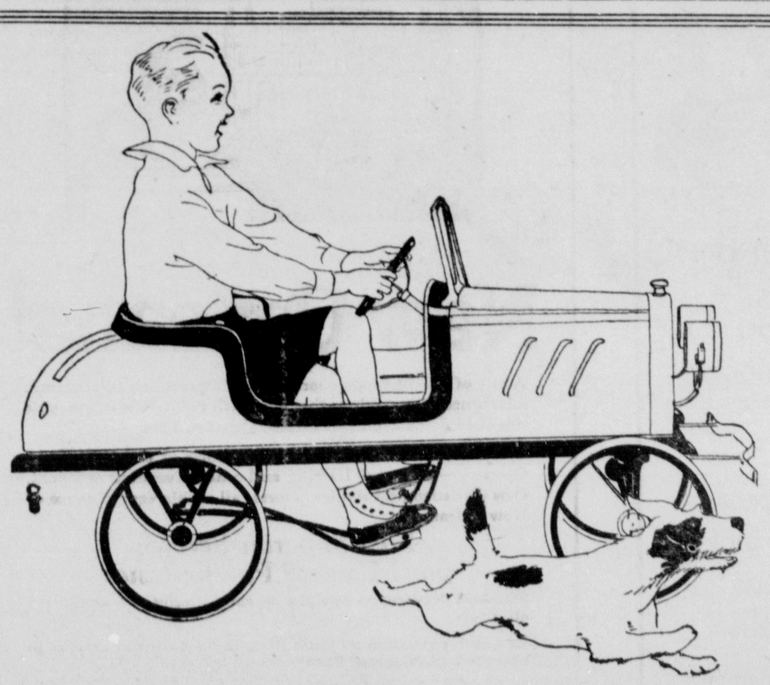
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JASPER N. GRANT DIES OF PNUEMONIA

Jasper N. Grant, well known Scott County farmer, died of pneumonia, Wednesday morning at his home 3 miles north of Vanduser. Mr. Grant had been ill for only a week having contracted the disease on a trip to town in the rain which drenched his clothes and gave him chills, pneumonia following. He is survived by his wife and seven children.

Mr. Grant was born in Arkansas, February 3, 1858; lying December 15, 1926, at the age of 68 years, 10 months and 12 days. He moved to Scott County in his youth and has been farming in this county for many years. Up until two years ago, he had been farming on the John Hunter farm, eight miles north of Sikeston. Since then, he has been farming on his farm near Vanduser.

Mr. Grant was married nearly fifty years ago, his wife, Mrs. Victoria Grant, and seven children surviving Two children are dead. The living children are: Mrs. Louisa Thacker, Cape Girardeau; Lucy Grant, living at home; Luttie Mason, Sikeston; Myrtle Mason, Oran; Ernest Grant, a farmer eight miles from Sikeston. Elmer Grant, a farmer near Sikeston. Effie Grant, a student at Cape Girardeau Teachers College.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Richwood Church. The body will be buried in the Carpenter Cemetery.

Mr. Grant was one of the county's most prominet farmers and The Standard joins the many friends of the family in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

JUSTRITE OIL COMPANY IS HANDLING NEW GAS

The Justrite Oil Company this week began the sale of a new high-powered gasoline which they will handle exclusively. This gas gives greatly increased power, eliminates carbon troubles and gives such mileage that Alpha Jennings says, after "filling up your tank and running for twenty miles on it, you have to stop and bail out the overflow". And power, well, he says "you have to have four wheel brakes to go up hills when you use this gasoline", which has a high specific gravity rating of 60-62. With this new type of gasoline, the Justrite has taken the agency for the high-grade Pencoil Lubricants.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin McMullin wil spent the holidyas with relatives and friends in Sikeston.

Guests of the Married Couples Dance Club Monday night were Mr. and Mrs. Felix Robbins of New Madrid and Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Anderson of Commerce.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO HAVE TEN DAYS OFF XMAS

The Sikeston Public Schools will have a ten-day Christmas vacation, school dismissing for the holidays at the close of the day, Thursday, December 23, the children returning to their classes, Monday, January 23. Most of the teachers, who live in towns other than Sikeston, are planning to spend the holidays at their homes.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR WOMAN'S BENEFIT ASS'N.

Officers for the Woman's Benefit Association of Sikeston were elected for the coming year, Monday night, as follows: Commander, Mrs. Gussie Cole; lieutenant commander, Mrs. Minnie Anderson; past commander, Mrs. Matilda Crutchfield; chaplain, Mrs. Bertha Kilgore; collector, Mrs. Birdie Fox; record keeper, Mrs. Essie Carter; lady-at-arms, Mrs. Maggie Nichols; sergeant, Mrs. Arrie Singleton; sentinel, Mrs. Jessie McElroy; picket, Mrs. Hattie Beal; captain of guards, Mrs. Frances Moody.

The remaining officers are to be elected at the next meeting, Monday, Decmber 27.

The junior members of the Baptist Sunday School will have a Christmas party at the church, Friday night .

We shan't mention any names, but a certain clerk in a store making some claim to selling up-to-date merchandise and garments, whose clothes have the appearance of being resurrected from a period at least 10 yeas back, was walking down the street towards the store in which he was employed. He passed a group of men in which was a stranger from another town. The stranger started like he might have if he'd seen a mummy step out of it's case and start walking away. "For goodness sakes, who is the curiosity", he asked?

"Ho, that?" replied one of the men to whom the clerk was no longer a novelty. "He's the clerk in a store down there".

"A clerk, dressed like that? What does his boss mean"?

"Hmmpp, his boss looks worse than he does".

"For goodness sakes, what kind of store do they run?"

"Up-to-date ready to wear clothing".

No wonder the stranger had to be supported.

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The Standard wishes at this time to extend its sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. George Dye on the loss of their home and hotel. Mrs. Dye had by diligence and close application to her work built up a splendid reputation for her establishment and the manner in which it was conducted. It is a hard thing to see the work of one's heart and hand swept aside in a few moments, as did Mrs. Dye, and then have the fortitude to smile and calmly set about planning and rebuilding. We feel that this courage is an inspiration to the community which we are certain joins us in sympathizing with the Dyes in their misfortune.

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We wouldn't say that The Standard carries more advertising in its pages this week than any other paper in Southeast Missouri, but we're willing to wager that we lead the field in amount of boiler plate used.

SPECIAL XMAS MUSIC AT METHODIST CHURCH

A double quartette will render special music at the Methodist church at the morning and evening services, Sunday. The special numbers provided for, include for the morning, "Sing of Heaven", by Clark and "There Are Shepherds", by Marks.

In the evening, the quartetet will sing, "There's a Song in the Air", by Holland. The members of the quartette are: Sopranos, Mrs. L. L. Contazer and Miss Lillian Shields; contraltos, Misses Helen Hess and Lottie Dover; tenors, Oscar Carroll and Wilbur Ensor; basses, Harry Dover and Ralph Anderson.

Mrs. H. J. Welsh will preside at the organ. Sunday, December 26, the choir will be assisted by Miss Honora Bailey of Philadelphia.

MARKET REPORTS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, '26

Chicago hogs, receipts, 32,000; tops, 11.55; St. Louis hogs, receipts, 8,500; tops, 11.85.

No. 2 red wheat	1.23
No. 2 white corn	.55
No. 2 yellow corn	.58
No. 2 mixed corn	.54

Cotton	Open	Close
January	12.23	12.02
March	12.44	12.28
May	12.68	12.69
July	12.89	12.69
December	12.60	12.80

YOUTH HELD AS ACCOMPLICE IN RECENT CAR THEFT

Sam Rodgers, who, with Claud McIntosh was charged with stealing the Chevrolte roadster belonging to Harley Mathis, December 8, was bound over to Circuit Court by Judge Myers at a preliminary hearing on Thursday.

Rodgers plead not guilty, claiming that he had no knowledge of the thef and was unaware of the fact that the car was stolen. McIntosh sustained him in his claim, but Judge Myers held the evidence to be such that Rodgers might reasonably be found to have been accomplice of McIntosh, holding him over on that ground. Rodger's bail was placed at $300.

BAPTIST CHURCH DINNER HELD WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The dinner held at the Baptist church, Wednesday night for the purpose of raising money to apply on church indebtedness was successful, more than $150 being raised. An excellent feed was enjoyed by everyone present and an evening of fun was participatd in afterwards.

Mrs. E. E. Hudson and children, Melba and Edward, will leave Sunday for Tulsa, Okla., where they will spent Christmas with relatives.

The Russell-Bradley Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, met at the church Monday afternoon in regular session. Mesdames John Russell and Clem Marshall were hostesses.

If I Had Just One Wish for Xmas

To be sure practical people don't take much stock in wishing.

And there's an old saying—
"If wishes were horses beggars might ride".

But you can tell the kind of person by the things he longs for.

So, if I had just one wish and knew it would be gratified—

I wouldn't wish for a luxurious motor car that would go a mile a minute;

Or a trip to Europe or a cruise to southern seas;

Or a strong box full of securities that might slump in value;

Or a wardrobe of beautiful clothes that would be out-of-date next year:

But I'd Wish For a Home

Where my family could have the freedom and security only a home can give. It might be a home of average size and cost.

I'd have the pride anyone has who owns the best there is.

But, anyway, my first thought would be of my family.

And the position in the community of the family that owns its home.

STILL—there's no need to talk about wishing for a home when the way is easy and open.

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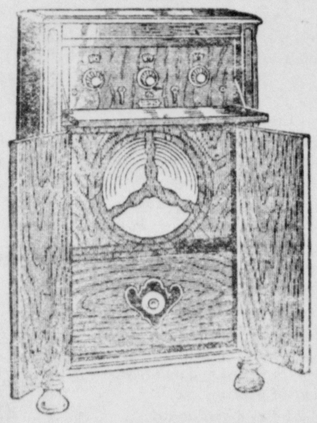
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NEGRO BOUND OVER TO CIRCUIT COURT FOR THEFT

James Hunley, a negro, charged with stealing $35 worth of tires from the Hudson-Essex garage on the night of December 6, was bound over to Circuit Court by Judge Smith at his preliminary hearing Thursday.

Geo. Anding and Robert Southern were sent by Chillicothe Business College to Parco, Wyo. last week at $160.00 a month as telegraph operators for the Producers & Refiners Oil Corporation.

The Junior Missionary Society of the Methodist church will entertain with a Christmas party Tuesday night at the church.

Miss Honora Bailey, who has been studying music in Philadelphia, Penn., will arrive in Sikeston Wednesday for the holidays. She will be accompanied home by her father, Congressman R. E. Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Emory Baker of Evanston, Ill., are expected to spend hte holidays with relatives in Sikeston.

W. J. Milem, Benjamin Schetter of Kelso and Miss Helen Boardman motored to Poplar Bluff, Taskee, Lutesvile, Marble Hill, Jackson and Cape Girardeau last Sunday. All reporting a most enjoyable time.

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Lore for Dog-Owners

By Albert Payson Terhune

BOARD AND LODGING FOR YOUR DOG



Tie Around His Neck the Next Chicken He Kills and Leave It Hanging There for Three or Four Days.

THE air was fresh from a furious little thunderstorm which had swept Vine street. Old Man Negley climbed the steps of the Veller porch, where sundry of the street's dog-owners were waiting to get his advice on their canine pets' hot weather condition.

"Nice thunderstorm we had," commented the old man, as he sat down on the topmost step. "My three dogs told me it was coming, long before there was a cloud in the sky."

"I suppose they consulted their barometer," ventured Mrs. Pahl with elaborate sarcasm.

"Yes'm," returned Old Man Negley, simply, "that's just what they did. Anyone who has made a study of dogs can tell, hours beforehand, when a thunderstorm is coming up. 'Specially if one of the dogs happens to be scared of thunder."

"How?" challenged Pete Veller.

"For one thing," answered the old man, "a dog's breathing apparatus and a dog's nerves are geared different from yours and mine. There's a sort of breathlessness, just before a thunderstorm, that even us humans can notice. The dogs notice it a long time before it gets strong enough to reach us.

"They pant; and they get restless; and those of them that hate thunder stay close to their masters and want to be in the house. Anyone who's made a study of it can tell in a single glance at them.

"By the way, we were speaking, last night, about long-haired dogs shedding their coats in hot weather. You folks who own collies and chows and setters, and the like, can help them a lot by remembering to give them a good hard brushing with a good hard brush, every single day.

"That gets rid of a mass of the dead hair that otherwise would fall all over the floor and the chairs. And it stimulates the skin and helps the new coat to come in. It's a big saving, all around.

"Don't yank out the tufts of dead hair with a comb. If you do, you're liable to tear loose some of the new undercoat. Use a stiff brush; and use it hard. If there are tangles don't pull at them. Untangle them; as you'd untangle a snarl in a child's hair.

"It will take a little longer; but it'll mean all the difference in the world to your dog's next year's coat.

"Miss Cressan, you were asking me how to feed those three-month-old pointer puppies of yours. You said they turn up their noses at all the new-fangled prepared foods you've been getting for them. Some dogs do that.

"The only value of any prepared food is whole wheat, plus whatever amount of dried meat is ground up in it. Most pups like it. Some don't.

"I'll tell you a great secret about feeding puppies and grown dogs, too. I learned it forty years ago when I owned my first litter of pups.

"They were finicky eaters. I tried them on everything that anybody suggested to me. It didn't do much good. Then my wife gave me the idea. She said:

"'Jim, whatever is good for a human child is good for a dog child. I've got sense enough to know that. We feed our own children on bread and milk. Try it on the pups.'

"Well, I tried it. Those puppies just fairly wallowed in bread and milk. They grew husky and strong and there never was any more finicky eating.

"I feed it to puppies and I fed it to grown dogs, too. It's the one diet, so far as I ever could find out, that no dog ever gets tired of, after he's once accustomed to it and the one diet that never makes him sick and that keeps him strong and hearty.

"I feed my big dogs a little meat and a bone or two twice or three times a week, and the rest of the time I give them bread and milk. Stale bread scraps and milk."

Mr. Cooley, your cook got mad at me, last week, when I stopped her from giving your airedale a plateful of chicken bones. But maybe I saved the dog's life, at that.

"A dog can get away with poultry bones once in a while, without their killing him. But soon or late they'll murder him.

"More dogs have been killed by eating poultry bones than by poison. The slivers cut into the stomach or throat or intestines as no other kind of bones do.

"It's a funny thing that foxes and wolves and coyotes can eat chickens or turkeys or ducks, bones and all, and not be harmed, while it's death to a dog. I think it's propably because wild animals eat the bones raw, and dogs eat them after the fowl has been cooked. The cooking makes the bones brittle and dangerous.

"Wasn't it you, Colonel Prouse, who asked me how to cure your pup of killing chickens? The best way I know of is to tie around his neck the next chicken he kills and leave it hanging there for three or four days.

"In hot weather like this the pup will have all he wants of the chicken's company by that time, and the chances are that he's going to leave chickens alone in the future.

"Speaking of feeding—dogs are like us humans in another way. More of them die from overeating than from undereating. A dog over a year old needs only one meal a day. One good big meal, at about the same time, every day. Best give it to him after sunset. A puppy, up to six months, ought to have three meals a day, and two meals a day after that till he's a year old.

"I've told you people the dark mysterious secret of feeding your dogs on bread and milk. Now let me tell you a still more mysterious medicine secret.

"If ever you have a dog that begins to seem out of sorts, in any way at all—whether he's off his feed or dull looking or whatever seems to all him—give him a big tablespoonful of plain castor oil. Three times out of four it will cure him. And it can't possibly hurt him. It's the grandest medicine on earth, both for dogs and for humans. (For my own part, I won't take the horrible stuff, but I've made many a dog and many a child take it, and they usually get well).

"Remember something else, too: If your dog doesn't improve right away after his dose of castor oil, send for the nearest first-rate veterinary you can find. It's bad economy to save a $3 veterinary fee by giving 'home treatment' to a $300 dog that's sick.

"A dessertspoonful of codliver oil a day is grand tonic and health builder, too, for any dog. Not an emulsion, but the plain unflavored codliver oil. Generally dogs like it. Generally they hate castor oil and you have to give it to them by force.

"Mr. Greer, you asked me what kind of bedding to put in your dog's kennel in summer. None at all. Leave the boards bare. In winter the best bedding is cedar shavings. They make his coat smell sweet and they scare off fleas. But in summer he doesn't need any bedding. On hot days don't scold him if he digs a hole in the cool loam of a flower border to lie in. It does him good and it keeps the heat from wearing him down."

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International Bridges

There are ten bridges over the Rio Grande where the same forms the boundary between the United States and Mexico, to wit: At El Paso, Texas, Santa Fe street bridge, Stanton street bridge, which are used for foot and passenger vehicles, and the street car line between the cities of El Paso and Juarez, Chihuahua; the Mexican Central railway bridge and the Mexican Northwestern railway bridge; at Del Rio, Texas, a temporary bridge used for foot and autobobile traffic; at Eagle Pass, Texas, a foot and vehicle bridge, and a railroad bridge; at Laredo, Texas, a foot and vehicle bridge and a railroad bridge; at Brownsville, Texas, a railroad bridge, which is also used for foot and vehicles.



AFTER a continuous fall of snow for over forty hours, the small town of Bethel was covered with a pure white mantle on the day before Christmas.

Over the hills the tinkling sound of sleigh bells was music upon the frosty air of the early winter morning as Judge John Wainwright looked out of the chamber window of his farmhouse. As he peered out of the little panes of glass with their tiny draperies of snow he saw Jasper Jones with his two-hitch plow breaking a way through the narrow Main street of the town, while an occasional salute of "Good mornin', Jasper!" came from neighbors as they shoveled paths from their gateposts.

"Reckon we'll have a real Christmas—snow nearly two feet deep—came down pretty heavy!" remarked Jasper.

The words "a real Christmas," with the sound of sleigh bells, rang all day long in the ears of Judge Wainwright, even after he had finished his supper in company with his wife and son Roland. "Rolley" and his wife, Marion, lived with Judge and Mrs. Wainwright. Marion, being somewhat ill in her room, was unable to join in the evening meal.

After supper Judge Wainwright climbed the handsomely carved old colonial staircase, and when he had reached the seat on the landing he sat for a moment on the red velvet cushion to glance down at the hall with the tall clock ticking merrily and the log fire snapping happily, its rosy glow painting the white walls and their decorations of greenery—such a picture! And the Christmas joy of the olden days came to him. He had romped on these same stairs with a happy heart, with his sister Lucy at his heels. Yes, Lucy—there was the one shadow on the joys of Christmas Eve. Lucy had married against the wishes of her family, and as a result none of the family were on speaking



Looked Out of the Dormer Window Upon the Night.

terms with her. Lucy, a widow, feeble, but graceful in her age of seventy-five years, lived in the little cottage on the Wainwright estate, cut off with a very slight income by the will of her father, John Wainwright.

Judge Wainwright went up to his study and looked out of the dormer window upon the night. The sky was clear and a large star shone brightly above the distant hill of pine trees and all the other stars seemed to twinkle happily about it. The loveliness of the landscape charmed him, and, relaxing from any other thoughts, he turned the light very low and lay upon a couch near the window.

When a loud knock upon the door startled him he realized he had fallen asleep and the excited voice of Sarah, the colored maid, called to him that "Missus Marion done took very sick."

It was the midnight hour when Judge Wainwright again stood by his study window and glanced out again into the night. The big star was high and luminous and long beams seemed to stream from it as it hung aloft, over the little town of Bethel. A new joy had come into the judge's heart, for a new-born babe had come into the home. And as he turned from the window he glanced at a pictured motto on the wall, placed there by his own mother. It read: "Blessed Are the Peacemakers, for They Shall Be Called the Children of God." Speedily the bitterness toward poor Lucy which had been in his heart for so many years had departed and the tears came to his eyes. He determined then to make the grandest peace upon the Christmas day. He would call upon Lucy himself, ask for her forgiveness and announce the glad tidings of a son—a most glorious gift bestowed by God in the old Wainwright homestead. It was a day of real Christmas rejoicing, upon which the spirit of the man who said "Peace upon earth" rested and the little town of Bethel had its share in the advent of a new citizen—John Wainwright, III."

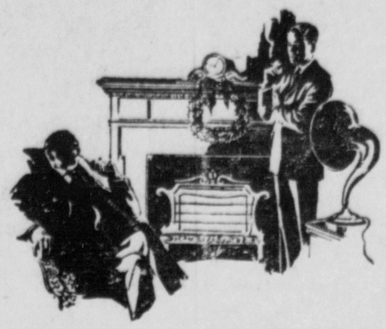
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American Santa Claus

The American Santa Claus is a corruption of the Dutch San Nicholas. G. H. McHughes says: "Santa Claus, the name derived from Saint Nicholas through the familiar use of children in Teutonic countries, crossed to America. The direct route followed by him is somewhat open to question. On the way he traded his gray horse for a reindeer and made changes in his appearance."



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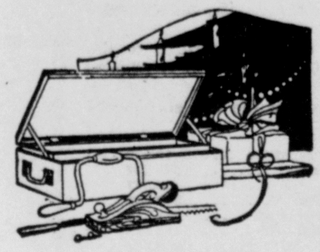


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Golf Bags
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POCKET KNIVES

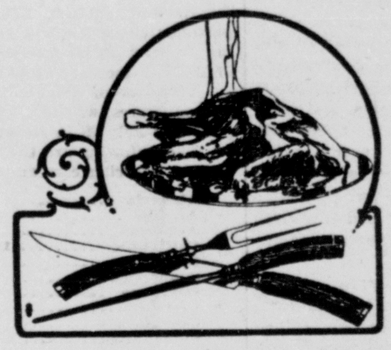
Whether he is a young man of 7 or 70 he will appreciate one of these high grade pocket knives. We have them in the new celluloid handles also the regular line of pearls and stag.

CHILDREN'S WAGONS

The most popular of all Christmas Gifts—The style illustrated is the most popular wagon on the market. We also have other styles and sizes at prices to suit.

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CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

The basketball season will open Friday night, when the high school plays a double header with Matthews at the local gym.

Dr. C. H. Pease is becoming widely known as an authority on Indian relics. A special feature article in the Globe-Democrat Sunday told of some of his discoveries.

Dr. I. H. Dunaway has installed a new radio. There will be no more lonesome vigils for Mrs. Dunaway.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Fisher entertained with a dinner and bridge party the following guests, Tuesday evening: Dr. and Mrs. I. H. Dunaway, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sarff, Philip Banks, Mrs. Josephine Hart, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Teal and Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Edwards.

W. R. Griffin was in Puxico, Tuesday, on business.

E. L. Crumpecker was in St. Louis Monday, transacting business.

Mrs. John Himmelberger was in Cape Girardeau the first of the week attending a party and returned home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Banks and family of Dexter were here Sunday and spent the day with their son, Philip. Jess Banks remained through the week to assist Phillip in the store during the holiday rush.

Miss Vera Edwards is in New Madrid visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lacy, formerly of Morehouse.

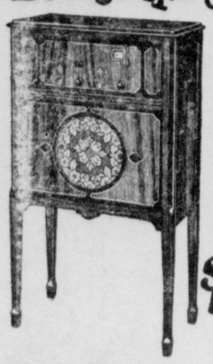
Wil Scott of Sikeston was a business visitor in this city, Tuesday.

Scalloped parsnips may be new to your family. Cook the parsnips in their skin in lightly salted water about 20 or 30 minutes. Drain, scrape off the outer skin, split lengthwise, pull out any woody cores, and place in a shallow baking dish. Cover with a white sauce made with butter, flour and milk. Cover the top with bread crumbs, mixed with melted butter, and bake in a moderate oven until the parsnips are heated and the crumbs are brown.

Don't forget to serve cottage cheese once in a while to your family, whether by itself or as a spread for sandwiches in combination with other flavors, such as green pepper, pimento, olives, nuts or preserves, or as an ingredient of a salad, or in balls accompanying salads. You can make various cooked dishes with cottage cheese, too. Savory rolls are substantial enough for a main dish, and old-fashioned Dutch cheese cake is a favorite dessert with a foundation of cottage cheese.

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5 Tube Console Radio with but one Control and Built-in Musicone



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CROSLEY 5-75

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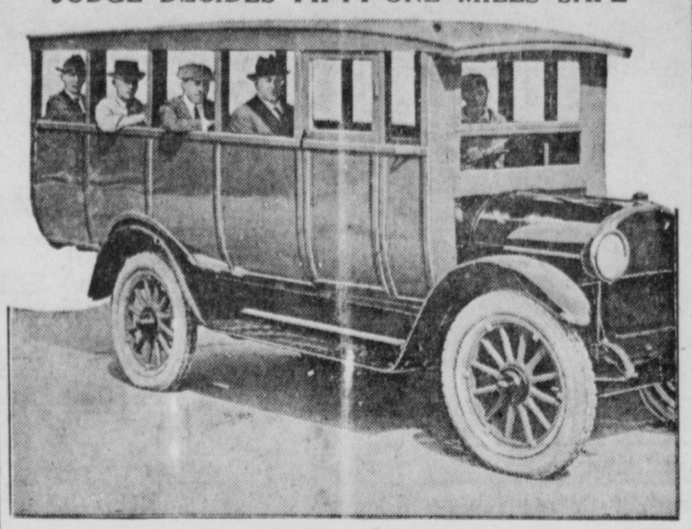
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JUDGE DECIDES FIFTY-ONE MILES SAFE



Typical Style of Western Bus.

E. P. Middleton, judge of Urbana, Ohio, is getting not only a liberal amount of publicity for himself, but his desk is stacked high with letters asking for copies of a recent ruling made by him that a speed of 51 miles an hour was not unsafe. In fact, he said it was just about right for safety, but, of course, it depended wholly upon other conditions.

The ruling was made in the case of the state of Ohio against the driver of a bus operating between Lima and Urbana. The driver was arrested by two officers, who, happened to be passengers, and who swore the speed attained "part of the time" was 51 miles an hour. The driver, E. A. Larrick, was indicted, tried and found not guilty.

Judge Middleton held that "a driver may go 45 miles an hour and still not be guilty of speeding, if the pavement is dry, the road clear and the car in good mechanical condition.

"If a driver were to pass a school house at recess time at a speed greater than 15 miles per hour he might be found guilty of traveling too fast, but with a clear, wide roadway ahead, without curves, and a car mechanically perfect, 51 miles an hour is not in excess of the so-called lawful or legal limit."

REGISTRATION ESTIMATE FOR 1926 SHOWS SLIGHT INCREASE

Revised registration figures reported to the bureau of public roads, Department of Agriculture, show an increase of 1,927,141 vehicles registered during the first six months of 1926 as compared with the corresponding period of 1925, an increase of 10.8 per cent.

Total motor vehicle registration for the six months, according to the revised figures, was 19,697,832 vehicles. This is 118,064 in excess of the figures published July 29 in Motor Age.

The following are the revised registration figures for the first six months of 1926, covering cars and trucks:

Alabama	197,602	New Hampshire	78,979
Arizona	64,165	New Jersey	575,237
Arkansas	177,235	New Mexico	46,571
California	1,459,570	New York	1,562,492
Colorado	225,810	North Carolina	*371,353
Connecticut	238,727	North Dakota	144,079
Delaware	40,303	Ohio	1,370,756
Florida	407,777	Oklahoma	490,000
Georgia	238,618	Oregon	195,641
Idaho	84,161	Pennsylvania	1,326,682
Illinois	1,217,265	Rhode Island	96,652
Indiana	690,704	South Carolina	151,012
Iowa	648,282	South Dakota	155,763
Kansas	433,561	Tennessee	227,775
Kentucky	247,104	Texas	904,050
Louisiana	216,500	Utah	81,830
Maine	128,466	Vermont	62,899
Maryland	227,491	Virginia	277,125
Massachusetts	627,736	Washington	326,500
Michigan	992,178	West Virginia	183,788
Minnesota	574,356	Wisconsin	590,797
Mississippi	180,030	Wyoming	44,367
Missouri	583,450	District of Columbia	89,867
Montana	92,340		
Nebraska	329,669	Total	19,697,832
Nevada	20,527		

*All states but North Carolina report details for the first six months, 1926. North Carolina has registration year ending June 30, which full year is used here.

WAR ON SCHOOL CHILDREN LIFTS

Warnings Issued Against Dangerous Practice.

Almost simultaneously Traffic Commissioner Donahue of Washington, D. C., and the American Automobile association came forward with timely warnings to motorists against the dangerous practice of giving "pick up" rides to children on their way to and from school.

The traffic commissioner branded the practice as a breeder of street accidents in which children, playing on the big-heartedness of the motorist, are often the victims.

The least that usually happens, Donahue declares, is a nasty traffic snarl created by the distraction resulting from a child's cry for a lift and the interruption of the flow of traffic as the "big-hearted" motorist snakes his way toward the curb in an effort to gratify the wish of the child.

Cause of Accidents.

"Hundreds of accidents are caused annually because children do not realize that this practice constitutes one of the gravest of highway hazards and parents and motorists should concentrate their energies on discouraging this habit which seems to be manifesting itself on a constantly larger scale," the A. A. A. national headquarters declared.

Appeal to Parents.

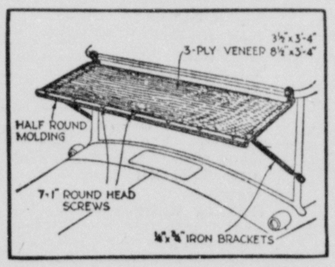
In the opinion of both Donahue and officials of the national motoring body, the problem calls for full co-operation on the part of parents and motorists. Neither, they declare, can afford to shirk responsibility in the matter. Teachers, too, can do much toward discouraging the child from taking such risks.

Turn Spare Tire

Realizing that the rear of the car is the wrong place to carry a spare tire, the efficient car owner at least tries to make the best of it. That is why he makes it a point to turn the spare around now and again, so that one side of the tire will not always be exposed to the mud, water and oil from the roads. If the tire carrier is such that the spare must hang in the same position all the time, at least the shoe can be turned.

Veneer Most Excellent for Making a Sun Vizor

The illustration shows how to make a simple sun vizor. Three-ply veneer is excellent, as it is light and warps little. After you have bent the brackets out of ¼ by ¾-inch iron, cut the



A Sun Vizor You Can Make Yourself Out of Materials That Are Not Hard to Obtain.

veneer to the right size and fasten it in place. Two small strips of molding along the front edge, as shown, will greatly improve the appearance, and dark green lacquer makes an excellent finish.—Popular Science Monthly.

AUTOMOBILE FACTS

He isn't the "innocent pedestrian" after he has acquired the jay-walking habit.

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Almost anybody can own a car, but comparatively few have learned their driving lessons.

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When riding in somebody else's car, don't be a back-seat driver. Give him a chance to drive.

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The early bird catches something else if he lets his engine race and wakes up the neighbors.

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It's well they are building new highways, with the daredevil motor speeders acting as if they own the old.

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It's your real optimist who buys the car with the idea that he can let it remain idle until gasoline gets cheaper.

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Another reason airplaning is safer than motoring is because there is so much less fresh gravel to cause skidding.

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What Kind of a Car Do You Want?

If you cannot find the exact car of your desire in our present stock, remember we are in the automobile business and that business is to get the kind of car you want. Let us know now what kind of car you want and we will have it for you Christmas.

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SAM FARMER

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FOR RENT—A modern house. Apply to Sikeston Mercantile.

FOR RENT—6-room house, lights. See John A. Matthews. 2tpd.

FOR RENT—6-room house, heat, water, electric lights, connections for electric range. Call 343.

FOR RENT—A furnished room at 105 South Street.

FOR RENT—4-room house and garage. Phone 416.—Mrs. John Hitt.

FOR RENT—Unfurnished 5-room apartment, strictly modern. Apply to Miss Margaret Hanner at Scott County Milling Co., or phone 441. tf.

FOR SALE—Eight fine building lots very reasonably priced. Five facing on North Kingshighway, three on Park. All in one block. Adjacent to sanitary sewerage. Inquire of Dr. H. J. Stewart, office Scott County Milling Company Building. tf.

FOR TRADE—6-room frame house, 2 story brick barn in DeSoto, Mo. International shoe factory there, also R. R. car shops, to trade for small farm near Sikeston. My property is clear, but I will assume on a trade.—W. A. Welch, box 491, Sikeston, Mo. 2tpd.

FOR RENT—18 acres of land, 7-room house, bath, light, water, west edge of Sikeston. See Casper Taylor, phone 436. 2tpd.

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LOST—A box-shaped black patent leather bag, containing keys, travellers ticket folder, calling cards, etc., last Thursday evening. Reward if returned to this office or Mrs. Paul H. Teal, Morehouse, Mo., box 38. 2t.

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FRIDAY MORNING

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Gay Holiday Aprons



Here is a gift that everyone, from grandma down to the youngest subdeb, will rejoice in at Christmas time—and long thereafter. It is a gay and quaint pinafore, made of brilliant, flowered cretonne, bordered and finished with black sateen, and is prettiest in cretonnes having a black background with many-colored garden flowers blooming against it. The black sateen borders the bib and pockets and makes the long shoulder straps.

HOUSE MAY PROBE FORD'S CHARGE AGAINST JEWS

Washington, December 14.—Charges made in the Dearborn Independent, a publication owned by Henry Ford, that "the international Jew is in direct control of all financial centers of government, including the United States Federal Reserve System", will be made the subject of an invesigation by a committee of the House if the committee adopts a resolution introduced today by Representative Sol Bloom, a New York Democrat.

The resolution avers that the statement quote, if true, "presents grave charges concerning the operation of the government, the activities of the Federal Reserve System, and the Jewish people", and directs the appointment of a committee of seven members to determine their "truth or falsity". It provides that the committee shall be clothed with broad powers, including authority to compel the production of records and to enforce the attendance of witnesses who would be obliged to testify by oath or affirmation.

The resolution was referredto the Rules Committee, and Bloom will seek an early report to the House.

Fifty million acres of forest land should be acquired by the States, counties and municipalities, in addition to their present holdings of 11 million acres, says W. B. Greeley, Chief Forester, United States Department of Agriculture, and the Federal Government should add 8 or 10 million acres to its present forest area of 89 million acres.

On a Glasgow barque called the Balmore, a young ordinary seaman on his way aloft fell from close under the futtocks and landed on the deck, forty feet below, in a sitting posture. He sat there a moment, then rose to his feet and in somewhat dazed manner climbed back into the rigging and started aloft again. The mate swore at him, and ordered him down; telling him that he was blanked fool to start up again, that he ought to be blank blank glad to be alive, and that he'd better find out if his blank blank neck wasn't broken before he began going up again. He was however, quite unhurt.—Adventure Magazine.

SAME OLD FARM BILL IN AN ALTERED GOWN

Washington, December 14.—A new farm relief bill in last year's gown altered to fit this season's demand, appeared in the Senate today, but a controversy over whose name should grace it prevented its introduction in the House.

The measure, embodying the essential features of the McNary-Haugen bill, but shorn of most of its objectionable provisions, was offered by Senator McNary, Republican, Oregon, father of the bill which has weathered two years of stormy wrangling, and the new chairman of the Senate agricultural committee.

A companion bill was turned over to Representative Purnell, Republican, Indiana, and Representative Fulmer, Democrat, South Carolina, with a request from Senate farm leaders that they introduce it jointly, thus indicating support from the three great farming regions—far west, middle west and south. Both Purnell and Fulmer are members of the House agriculture committee.

Representative Purnell immediately expressed his complete approval of the measure, characterizing it "as the best farm relief bill yet to appear in Congress, but until he obtained the views of his superior on the agriculture committee—Chairman Haugen—he said he did not want it to go in with his name.

In similar terms, Representative Fulmer expressed the opinion that the new bill would draw additional votes from the south. He said he was willing to introduce the measure, but he wished to add a provision making the equalization fee not applicable to cotton for two years after passage.

Meanwhile, Chairman Haugen with-held final approval until opportunity for further study was afforded.

"I am certain that Senator McNary's bill is all that we hope for", he said, "but I wish to study it before I give my expression".

The bill is understood to embody the latest views of a substantial number of farm leaders in both houses.

Representative Dickinson, Republican of Iowa, a farm leader, said he considered the measure the most finished piece of legislation to ease the farm situation that could be devised.

Although basically a McNary-Haugen bill, the new measure is different in several important respects. The "tariff yardstick" advocated by Chairman Haugen, and the "fair and reasonable" price standards are missing. The new bill contains no reference to price-standards or price-levels. The nearest it comes to mentioning the tariff is in the declaration that one of its aims is to "preserve advantageous domestic marketing".

The much-discussed equalization fee remains, but it is assessed against 'each marketed unit", instead of against all producers. The fee may be collected in the discretion of the proposed federal farm board on the milling or processing, transportation or sale of a commodity.

Five basic commodities are affected, cotton, wheat, corn, rice and swine. Cattle and butter have been eliminated and rice appears for the first time as a result, the bill's sponsors claim of demands from southern rice interests.

There is authorized an appropriation of $250,000,000 to constitute a revolving fund from which loans may be made to commodity stabilization funds in anticipation of the collection of equalization fees. Loans may also be made from the revolving fund directly to co-operatives for handlnig the surplus. Both classes of loans must be repaid with interest.

The bill carries a new feature in the authorization of loans to co-operatives handling any commodity for 'controlling the surplus" without requiring an equalization fee. This is similar to loan features of the Fess and Tincher bills of the last session.

When Christmas Turkey Is Mentioned

Phone 344



No need to even take the time to come and select your own Turkey. Tell us the size bird you want, or the number of people you wish to serve, and we will do the rest. If you prefer other fowl, we have a good assortment.

ANDRES MEAT MARKET

"Jim Vaughn Cuts Our Meats"

SEEN ON FIFTH AVENUE

Among the new spring models are skirts in box pleats which are stitched more than half-way down the skirt.

Lace promises to be a popular trimming for daytime frocks in the coming season. It is used as yokes, vestees, collars and cuffs.

Two and three tone treatments are emphasized in incoming frocks. One attractive mode in blue introduces the lightest shade in the upper portion, the medium blue is below this, and the deep blue forms the main part of the dress. The sleeves embrace the three tones in a graduated treatment.

Genuine lizard is prophesied to maintain its place of importanse in the coming season's shoe styles.

A rather amusing fad is to have your stockings embroidered with a clock arrangement with the name of the college for which you are rooting. Crossed pennants in the college colors finish the clock.

A black georgette frock is trimmed with small roses. The bodice is bloused and the skirt has three narrow tiers.

A very youthful model consists of yellow crepe georgete with bloused bodice and scalloped tunic. The trimming is rows and rows of shirrings.

Five more Civil Service students of Chillicothe Business College have this month received appointments at $1320 a year, one at the Veterans' Hospital in Excelsior Springs, the other in Washington, D. C.

Noteworthy recent developments in the meat situation have been an increase in the beef supply and a decrease in pork production. Since 1921 beef supplies have risen steadily each year. In 1925 the total production of 7,146,000,000 pounds was almost exactly 1,000,000,000 pounds larger than the total for 1921. The enormous pork production in 1923 and in 1924 fell off more than 1,000,000,000 pounds in 1925, which means that upward of 10,000,000 fewer hogs were slaughtered in that year than in either 1923 or 1924.

WORK ON BRIDGE AT LOUISIANA, MO., BEGINS

Louisiana, Mo., December 14.—The first actual construction work in the erection of a $750,000 highway bridge across the Mississippi River here was begun today by the Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron Company of Leavenworth, Kan. A coffer dam near the Missouri side of the river was put down to form a base for pier No. 1. The contractors have extensive equipment with which to rush the work, which will be continued regardless of weather conditions.

The value of the annual catch of fur-bearing animals 25 years ago was roughly estimated at $25,000,000, says the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture. Today it is placed at more than $60,000,000 and even this figure would doubtless have been exceeded if the supply had been maintained. Serious students of conservation feel that the fur resources are not being given deserved attention.

The yearly production records of 20,000 dairy cows show that cows which produced 100 pounds of butterfat a year returned $10 each in income over cost of feed. Those that produced 300 pounds a year returned $74 each in income over cost of feed. When the production per cow was increased 3 times, the income over cost of feed was increased 7.4 times. These are averages and would not apply to any single herd, but the general advantage of increased profit as production is increased does hold true.

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CORN GROWERS ASK JARDINE'S REMOVAL

Des Moines, Ia., December 14.—Removal of Secretary Jardine of the Department of Agriculture was asked today by the Natoinal Corn Growers' Association, meeting here in annual convention.

A resolution adopted at the meeting read: "Believing that the Department of Agriculture was established to improve the condition of the man who produces food products, and to represent him as his spokesman for such legislation as the farmer considers helpful to his cause, we believe that the present Secretary of Agriculture should be replaced by some man whose practical training qualifies him to represent that section of the nation that produces 75 per cent of the nation's food".

The resolution also pledged the organization's support to the Farm Legislative Committee now active in Washington and extended sympathy to the cotton and tobacco growers, inviting them to assist in gaining suitable relief legislation.

NOTICE

Regular preaching services will be held by the pastor of the Canalou Methodist Church, at 11:00 o'clock Sunday, December 19.

Presiding Elder, A. C. Johnson, will preach Sunday afternoon. Following this service, a short business session will be held. Song and preaching services by the pastor at 7:00 o'clock Sunday evening.

Alton—Highway between Alton and Thayer being graded.

George Dempster has received notice from the State Board of Control that he has successfully passed the examinations and is now qualified to practice as a licensed embalmer. He went to St. Louis and took the examinations several weeks ago, but only was notified of his success Tuesday.

Although motor vehicle registrations and highway traffic have increased enormously in recent years and will doubtless continue to increase, highway officilas do not fear the development of a general condition of congestion or any breakdown in the roads constructed because of the increased traffic, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. Highway research and experience have developed types of pavement fully capable of withstanding present and expected future traffic.

MISSOURI INDUSTRIAL REVIEW NEWS

Louisiana—Work progressing on new traffic bridge over Mississippi rive at Louisian.

Columbia—Missouri Farmers' Week to be held at Missouri College of Agriculture, January 17-21.

Salem—Plans under way to locate another State Park in some North Missouri County.

Brookfield—State highway No. 36 between Brookfield and Macon being graveled.

Cottleville—New sidewalks being laid on several streets of town.

Blodgett—New road to be built through this town.

Pierce City—Work started on construction of new highway three miles west of city.

Skidmore—Roads in this vicinity to be repaired.

Rockville—Several carloads of hay shipped from here recently.

Unionville—North Main Street to be paved.

Butterfield—Mill being built here by A. Madison.

Carthage—Modern Woodmen of America moving to new quarters in McCormick and Ash Building.

Kirksville—Work started on new mine north of Kirksville.

Butler—Work nearing completion in 15-mile stretch of highway No. 71, extending from here to Rich Hlil.

Novelty—Carload potatoes shipped out by Farmers Exchange.

LaPlata—Branch hatchery to be established in this place.

Greentop—Work resumed at Adair Coal Company shaft, south of Greentop.

Shell Knob—New furniture factory here starts operations.

Bethany—Bethany Steam Laundry moves to its new building here.

Seybert—Carload of hogs shopped from here recently.

Arcola—Contract let for grading highway north of this town.

DeWitt—Work progressing on construction of highway No. 10 near this town.

North Sac—Corn being gathered in this section.

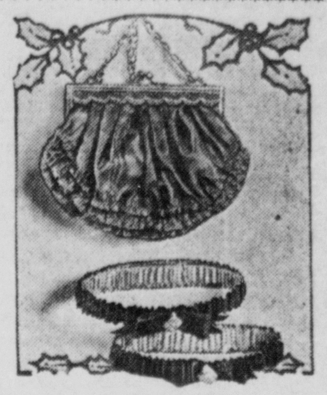
Cameron—Plans under way to establish canning factory here.

Osborn—Road from Osborn to Grindstone paved.

Stanberry—Gravel road between Stanberry and Harrison-Gentry County line being resurfaced.

That the spinning quality of "snap" cotton does not differ materially from that of "picked" cotton is indicated by preliminary experiments by the United States Department of Agriculture. As a method of harvesting, however, snapping lowers the grade, the difference in the cotton tested amounting to about two grades. 'Snap" cotton is fairly matured and does not include bollies", the cotton taken from bolls arrested in their growth by frost. The decreased cost in harvesting cotton by the "snap" method may be much more than offset by the expense of passing it through holl extractors and by the loss of value resulting from the lower grades. Taking the results of the tests as typical, "snapping" cotton at the officially quoted prices and under the conditions which prevailed in 1925 resulted in a loss to the grower of $7.29 a bale as compared with picking. When greater discounts were assessed against the cotton because of its being "snapped", and when it was sold in the seed, the loss was from approximately $14 to $27 a bale.

Gifts Made of Ribbon



A wristbag full of joy awaits any member of the family who wakes up Christmas morning to find herself possessing a bit of finery like the pretty bag, or the garters shown here. The bag is simply made of two pieces of wide, black ribbon cut rounded at one end and sewed together. Two shirred tucks are run in above the seam. It is lined with colored silk and gathered into a filigree silver mounting. Narrow black and pink satin ribbon is shirred over flat elastic for the garters, which are finished with bows and rhinestone ornaments.

VOLGA BOATMAN SAD SINGERS

The famous Volga boatman always sings his famous song. In Russian cabarets in Western Europe the burlaki bask in a violet spotlight while muted violins are played. But the real burlaki are sadder people than those who represent them on the stage could ever suspect. Although they are strongly infected with a romantic tradition, their song strikes deep into the hearts of all who hear them.

Apparently they are the strongest men of our time. Any one of them can carry a weight of 200 kilograms on his back, lift a hundred kilograms from the ground, crack a nut between his thumb and forefinger, balance an oar on two fingers, and eat three watermelons in forty-five minutes.

They look like bronze statues of more than life size clad in skins. They are strong and healthy, living on the river all the time; but I have never seen one of them laugh; they are not gay. Though their religion forbids the use of alcohol, they drink Schnaps. Ever since the Volga has been used for carrying freight these hardy workmen have been here. At the present time there are more than 20 steamers on the river, with a total displacement of 50,000 tons. The 1190 barges without motors displace a total of nearly two million tons.

Their song does not rise from their throats, but from the bottom of their hearts where its melody has been woven into their very existence. They sing like people condemned to death, like galley slaves. Never will a singer be free of his burden and never will he be in need of Schnaps.

And what work these human derricks do! You seldom hear a complete song—only snatches, no more. Music is a form of mechanical assistance. It functions like a lever. There is one song for towing and another song for unloading the cargo.

The words are old and primitive, and I have heard different ones to the same tune. They sing about how hard life is, and how welcome death, about their burdens, and about girls and love. The moment their load is on their back the song bursts out.—Joseph Roth in Frankfurter Zeitung (Living Age).

Table Lamps

THE GIFT SHOP

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WORK MEANS CONTENTMENT

So much has been said about good will that many honest minds have become suspicious of it. It serves very well as a Christmas sentiment and it ornaments the oratory of statesmen who do not mean what they say. But what it is, and what its instruments are, is seldom asked.

To some minds, good will means a placid attitude which makes it easier to slip something over on you, as the saying goes. An ice-cream-social atmosphere, so to speak; an innocuous pink-tea flabbiness of fiber. It means being a good fellow and letting human parasites ride on your back, and human sponges live off your substance. Such good will means true goodness off its guard, to give shrewd evil a better chance.

Good will is nothing like that. It is to will the good, and there is nothing flabby about the good. If you think so, consider the endless centuries of struggle which have been necessary to gain the simplest of our common-sense positions of progress and justice.

At Christmas, good will is linked up with peace; 'Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will'. When this was first said, the earth was smaller than it is now, that is, less known; men were fewer; good will was a scarcer quantity, and peace was but a fitful dream between the horrors of recurrent wars. The earth is now larger, more widely known; mankind has increased in numbers and intelligence; good will, we may say, is more generally recognized as less a sentiment than a working law of life; and peace is the universal quest.

But good will has never operated without its instruments. These instruments are very seldom speeches, or councils, or conferences. The greatest instruments of good will are those which engage the energies of men in such a manner as to shut off the blood supply of ill-will.

And the greatest of these has been Work.

A nation at work is the last nation to strain for war. Europe today is in danger of war from no other cause than the scarcity of work. Unemployment fills armies. Unemployment welcomes any break in the monotony of unproductiveness. Unemployment provides empty-mindedness which in turn furnishes the soil for all those misunderstandings and hatreds which find their outlet in violence.

And yet—(for whatever is good, is good on every side)—the industrial nation is today the best defended nation. The might of the United States is not in its armies, but in its industries. The military powers of the earth would hesitate longer to engage our industries against them than any army. The workers of the world's industries do not seek war, but they are more than a match for the war-makers when need requires.

So this is just a suggestion that we consider Industry—the opportunity and the habit of work—among the chief instruments of good will in the world. Busy hands are seldom quarrelsome. The best unity obtainable is fellowship in a commanding task. It is always idle hands that brew the world's mischief.

The League of constructive endeavor is supplying the needs of the multitudes of the earth, the League of Work and steady jobs, the League of decent incomes and modern homes and a mounting standard of life, this is the true League of Peace and Good Will. If the League of Nations would tackle the job of bringing industry into Europe, war problems could tackle the job of bringing industry they would dry up and blow away.—Henry Ford.

CONSUMER CLASSIFIES CATTLE

The consumer really determines the grades and classes into which the cattle on a thousand hills are to be separated when they reach the market, says the United States Department of Agriculture. When the housewife selects certain grades of neat such as choice, medium, or common, this demand is reflected to the wholesale buyer who supplies her butcher. His demands in turn are reflected to the buyer of live cattle in the yards, who must supply the choice, medium, or common grades called for, and who pays for them according to grade and class. Thus the marketing, classification, and grading of the great trainloads of cattle that arrive at the stockyards is really done according to consumer demand.

Parnell—New poultry house being erected in Parnell by Farmers Exchange.

Cleve Ross, a lumberman, from a dark doorway in the business part of Poplar Bluff, watched five young men enter his automobile late Sunday night and take clothing valued at about $75. He then notified police, who arrested Elmer Hartline, "Rosie" Lucas, Lawrence Dover, Ray Collins and J. R. Avery, who were attempting to sell the clothing. They are held.

AMERICA ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS AGO

Bordentown, N. J., December 11, 1776.—Mayor John Lawrence met today at the portals of this city and turned back 500 Hessians and their commander, Col. Carl Emil Kurt von Donop, with the result that Bordentown will not for the present be added to the lost of occupied towns on the Jersey front. This he has done with such weapons as an impassioned address and a bountiful luncheon, and in spite of the energetic endeavors of the Pennsylvania navy and the river forces of the Continental army on the Delaware. Although under fire from the American ships for some minutes he sustained no casualties.

Colonel von Donop came from Trenton early in the morning to establish an enemy post here. Mayor Lawrence heard of his coming and advanced with a committee of citizens. He met the Hessians between Bordentown and Bustleton, and discharged his impassioned address to the effect that if the Hessians entered his city they would draw down upon it the fire of the American ships and thus cause much annoyance to many good friends of George III who live here.

Colonel von Donop requested the mayor to kindly send a delegation to Commodore Thomas Seymour, commander of the American boats, to find out if this could really be true. Then, parking his soldiers in the suburbs, Colonel von Donop and his officers went to the mayor's house for luncheon, while a delegation of citizens set off for Commodore Seymour's flagship down the river. While the Hessians were going to the mayor's luncheon party they were seen by the crew of an American gondola, who promptly opened fire on them. The mayor rushed to the waterfront, waved his hat, and ordered the gondola to cease firing, whereupon the gondola trained its guns upon the mayor himself. Colonel von Donop hastened down the river to witness this engagement and became in turn the target for the gondola's gunners.

At length the citizens' committee returned with definite assurances from Commodore Seymour that he would open up on the city with all his guns if the Hessians took quarters in it. Colonel von Donop thereupon thought of two good reasons why he should not occupy the city. First, he had no big guns with which to answer the American gunboats and, second, because the Tories in the place who might be injured in a bombardment, there was the noble head of Colonel von Donop which might again be the central target for lying missiles. Therefore, he marched his men back to Bustleton and the Battle of Bordentown was over.

St. Joseph—State highway No. 1 from St. Joseph to Kansas City being paved.



Merry Xmas!

IT IS WITH real pleasure that we extend our best wishes for your Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

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In pricing our holiday offerings this year we have taken in consideration that the farmer and wage earner are not as prosperous as they might be and have accordingly cut our profits so that they may share with us in their buying. We are dividing with you and rest assured that your dollar will go a little farther this year than ever before.

VISIT TOYLAND!

Our toy department is loaded this year with everything to make the kids happy, and are priced so that every one can buy. This is the original Santa Claus Store in this community and we want all the boys and girls to spend their afternoons with us until Christmas day. Toys for big, little, old and young.

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PRACTICAL USES FOR WEATHER INFORMATION

Publicity utility companies of all kinds make use of Weather Bureau information to effect economies on a large scale. In the Middle West, for example, a number of public utility companies maintain a joint committee to work in co-operation with the Weather Bureau to investigate the weather effect on the loss in weight of coal in shipping. Again, officials of a large railroad in Montana are asked by their headquarters in St. Paul why there has been a noticeable falling off in coal shipments to that State as compared with previous winters. Weather records show that there has been a period of unusually mild weather, and thus answer the question. Along similar lines is the request made by the local lighting company of a large city for a comparative statement from the Weather Bureau at the close of any unusually cloudy, gloomy month, showing what constitutes an average month and why the one just past has been unusual. This report is sent to consumers of electricity with their monthly bills as an explanation of any increase in the amount.

Private business also uses weather records to keep watch over small economies. An ice cream manufacturer supplying a number of near-by towns makes use of weather forecasts in summer to vary the amount of cream to be made and sent out, as the consumption varies from day to day, depending on the temperature. In winter the coal dealer watches the weather forecasts for a cold wave so that preparation may be made for handling an increased demand for coal. If a cold wave is expected on Sunday the yards must be kept open and special forces held in readiness to handle the coal.

THE JAZZ FRONTIER

The Rev. Robert Norwood, rector of St. Bartholomew's, likens New York to "a brown bowl that contains a strong and heady drink" and avers that it "takes a sturdy man to drink from it and keep clear of delirium tremens".

The clergyman, though expressing his thought in vivid, engaging and alcoholic images was not referring to the notorious ease with which liquor may be obtained in this city, nor was he warning young men from the perils of bootleg poison. Rather, we take it, he had in mind the dangers of New York's jazz tempo, that accelerated mode of life which, it is often pointed out, racks the nerves, breaks the health and withers the spirit of its human victims. Can it be that this danger is the more apparent to the Rev. Mr. Norwood because he came only recently from Philadelphia, whose quiet, unruffled poise is traditional?

What is this "brown bowl" with the "strong and heady drink?" It is, for one thing, the bachelor capital of the world—and this includes the bachelor girls. Unique among the cities of America, it lures the ambitious youngsters from even the smallest towns. It is the new frontier, jazzy, sometimes exotic, strange and splendid. There is a banker who once punched cows in New Mexico, a lawyer who in his youth picked cotton in Tennessee, and an editor whose hands once were calloused from digging post holes in Oklahoma.

To be sure there are cases of "delirium tremens". That is the penalty for the misuse of any "strong and heady drink". But the clear, healthy eye of youth sees that there are human failures in Sauk Center, Sewickley and Albuquerque as well as in New York. This city may be fatal to weaklings, but its appeal to the country's best is irresistible.—New York Herald Tribune

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Ribbon Vanity Case



Santa Claus will find himself distributing a lot of new vanity cases this Christmas, for nothing is more popular as a gift. Here is a rich and elegant homemade one, that requires about twelve inches of gold brocade ribbon, six inches wide, and about eighteen inches of rose-colored satin ribbon for lining and pocket. The case is bound with narrow gold lace and two tiny brass rings are sewed to the top. A gold cord, attached to the bottom of the case, slips through these rings and serves to close and suspend it. The little pocket carries compact, powder, rouge and any other desired fitting.

Boonville—Boonville Advertiser installs Century newspaper press.

The color of canned salmon indicates the variety rather than the quality. There are several kinds of salmon and these vary in color after canning from a bright red to almost white.

The forest land of the United States, in round numbers, is split up approximately as follows: Federal Government, 89,000,000 acres; States, 10,500,000 acres; municipalities and counties, 700,000 acres; large private owners, 220,000,000 acres; small private owners, 15,000,000 acres.

The Big Question
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Here in this store are many items that answer satisfactorily and completely the most puzzling of all questions—what to give them for Christmas.

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SOUNDINGS ORDERED FOR CAIRO BRIDGE

Cairo, Ill., December 10.—Directors of the Cairo Association of Commerce, with members of the local Bridge Committee, met yesterday with the representatives of the Chicago bankers who are behind the Cairo bridge project and Harry E. Bovay, the promoter, and instructed them to go ahead and make the soundings in the Mississippi River for the bridge over that stream.

Steps necessary before an absolute proposition for financing the bridge were detailed by J. J. Shinner of H. M. Byllesby & Co. of Chicago, who, with H. G. Wales of the Federal Securities Co., came to Cairo for conference with the Bridge Committee. He said that Dr. J. A. Waddell, the engineer, wants the borings before he can make an accurate estimate of the cost. His preliminary estimate is that the bridge can be built for $2,200,000. "We believe he can build it for that", Shinner said, "but we must know definitely before we can go ahead.

"We have never had any doubt about traffic", Shinner continued. "The traffic at present will pay a fair return on the bridge." He said the interests behind the Cape Girardeau bridge project had doubts about the Cape bridge being a paying proposition if the Cairo bridge being a paying proposition if the Cairo bridge is built. "We told them", he said, "that we could not complete our studies for 30 days. If we reach a conclusion to go ahead, we might want them in".

"Bankers are willing to go 75 to 85 per cent in meeting the cost when a project is economically sound as the Cairo bridge project", Shinner told members of the Bridge Committee. "There is one doubt yet to settle and that is we want the site definitely approved. We will then be prepared to enter into a definite commitment for a senior security of $2,000,000 in bonds. We would then ask you to raise $500,000 in preferred stock. Whether that will bear interest from the date of its subscription or start when the bridge is opened or wait until a year after the opening cannot be determined. It may be two or three years before you get all your dividends. The preferred stock will be redeemed before the common stock gets its dividend.

"Until the time of the opening of the bids, we cannot definitely determine the date of completion, so we cannot estimate the amount of interest charges during construction. We are going to assume that the bridge will cost $3,000,000, including all construction costs, engineering costs, financing and interest during construction. We feel that half a million dollar should represent your faith in the project. We feel that Cape Girradeau has established a basis for us, if not for you. They're giving 25 per cent and we're asking you for a sixth. If the bridge can be built for $2,700,000, that will make your preferred stock all the stronger".

$128,000,000 ASKED FOR FARM DEPARTMENT

Washington, December 13.—Creation of two substitute bureaus to separate research and regulatory activities of the chemistry and soil divisions of the Department of Agriculture, is provided in the department's appropriation bill, carrying $128,362,000, reported today by the House.

Of the total amount appropriated in the bill, nearly $80,000,000 is for maintenance of Federal and highway systems and many millions more to continue the war against insect pests. The total is $77,812 above current funds, but $4,774,000 below budget estimates. The reduction was effected by paring down highway funds and authorizing use of unexpended money previously appropriated.

Appropriations for the two new bureaus totaled only $20,000 more than for the original divisions, the increase to be used in investigating plant-dust explosions and farm fires which last year cost 3500 lives and $150,000,000 in property and in enforcement of the naval stores act.

Material increases over current funds were provided for certain activities, including $480,000 more for additional endowment to agricultural experiment stations, making the total $1,920,000; $1,200,000 for eradication of tuberculosis, total $4,878,000; $103,000 for blister rust control, total $471,500; $200,0000 for eradication of European corn-borer, total $685,100; $180,000 for Japanese beetle control, total $465,000; $290,000 for co-operation with states to control forest fires, total $1,000,000.

Included in the appropriations for combating various pests were $712,300 for eradicating cattle tick, $142,000, orchard disease; $150,000, cotton and truck disease; $207,300, cereal and forage insects; $292,300; Southern field crop insects; $79,500, foreign insects; $186,400, truck crop insects; $670,000, preventing spread of moths; $32,500, Mexican bean beetle control.

The bill would authorize the bureau of animal industry to pay for condemned paratubercular cattle. The committee said it was necessary to destroy immediately cattle found suffering from the disease, which stimulates intestinal tuberculosis.

Of the bureau's appropriation, $5,000 would be used in inspecting cattle imported from Mexico, where, the committee reported, authorities have not succeeded in stamping out the hoof and mouth disease.

The weather bureau's part in supplying information to commrecial aviation caused a $38,600 increase in its appropriation of $235,500 for investigation of atmospheric phenomena.

Another $25,000 was requested to establish a dairy and livestock experiment station at Mandan, N. D., under an act of the last congress.

To continue the department's contracts with farmers' co-operatives, the bill provided $1,424,000 for farmers' co-operative demonstrations, $1,300,000 for co-operative agricultural extension work, and $220,440 for the co-operative marketing information service of the bureau of agriculture economics.

The biological survey would be authorized to use $158,000 on its appropriation in protection of migratory birds, while another $30,000 would be used in development of the upper Mississippi river game refuge.

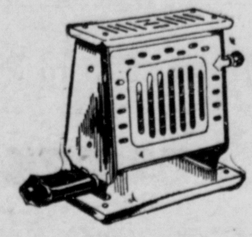


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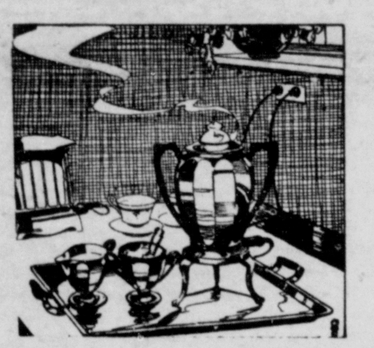
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COTTON GROWERS ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Arkansas and Missouri Cotton Growers Co-operative Association have closed their regular pools against new members. The advance to old members at the present, it six cents per pound on bales weighing less than 500 pounds and $30 per bale on bales weighing over 500 lbs. Members of these Associations can continue to pool their cotton in the regular pools.

Cotton farmers who wish to pool their cotton can do so in the long time pool which the Associations have formed. The advance is 6c a pound on this cotton, and the cotton will not be offered for sale until after July 1, 1927.

The advance on cotton raised prior to this season is 5c per ton. Each and every bank in Southeast Missouri has information concerning the Association pool and the long time pool. For further information call or write the Asscoiation office at Little Rock or New Madrid.

up before he starts out, and is wearing his muffler and overshoes? Who sees that he doesn't forget half of his packages? Who goes running out to the sleigh just as he is ready to start, with some present which he, man-like, has overlooked? Why, it's Mrs. Claus—that's who it is!

It was high time somebody thought of her. Maybe when she opens her copy of The Star away up there in Icy Cape and sees Mildred's letter she will feel still more kindly toward Old Santa when he gets restless a day or so before Christmas. And Santa will feel better, too, for he loves Mrs. Claus a lot and wants all the children to love her as she loves them.—K. C. Star.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS CONTRIBUTES TO XMAS FUND

At a meeting of the W. F. C. Class of the Baptist Sunday School at the home of the teacher, Miss Grace Estes, Monday night, the girls decided to contribute $2.50 to the Community Christmas Fund. The following girls were present: Gladys Conley, president; Mildred Ables, vice-president; Dorothy Bennett, secretary-treasurer; Lois Darby; Geneva Andrews, Beryl Barnes, Ilene Beck, Laura Wright, Mabel McElroy, Irene Porter, Vivian Pratt, Elsie Conrad, Stratton Ingram, Christina Cauthorne and Vernetta Smith.

COOLIDGE SIGNS PAY INCREASES FOR JUDGES

Washington, December 13.—Representative George H. Graham's bill increasing the salaries of federal judges was signed today by President Coolidge and the increased pay becomes effective January 1. The law carries these salaries:

Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, $20,500; associate justices, $20,000; an increase of $500.

United States Circuit Court judges, $12,500; an increase of $4000.

United States District judges, $10,000; an increase of $2500.

United States Custom Appeals, $12,500; increase of $4000.

Court of Appeals, District of Columbia, $12,500; increase of $4000.

United States Court of Claims, $12,500; increase of $4500 for chief justice and $5000 for associate justices.

Supreme Court of District of Columbia, chief justice, $10,500; associate justices, $10,000; increase of $4,500 for former and $500 for latter.

Board of General Appraisers, $10,500; an increase of $1000.

AN EARLY CHURCH BAZAAR

LADIES' FAIR.

A number of ladies of Memphis, taking into consideration the pecuniary situation of the Presbyterian Church, have resolved to form a sewing society and endeavor by their efforts to liquidate the debt the church now owes.

That their object might be the sooner accomplished they were of an unanimous opinion that a Fair conducted upon proper principles would meet with encouragement from this community so truly distinguished for its liberality towards all benevolent efforts. They have, therefore, resolved to hold a Fair on the Fourth of July next in the saloon of Mr. Hart, who very kindly and generously offered it for this purpose.—From th Memphis Enquirer, May 22, 1838.

GIVING THOUGHT TO MRS. SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa: I love you. Please hurry up and make Christmas come. I like candy. I also like Mrs. Santa Claus. Lots of hugs and kisses. Kiss Mrs. Claus for me.—Mildred Hunsig in a Santa Claus letter in The Star.

At last someone has extended recognition and expressed in some small measure the appreciation due that noble, courageous and self sacrificing little woman, Mrs. S. Claus. How many women, we venture to ask, would put up with things the way she has? How many women would be content to remain at home all alone on Christmas eve, tending the furnace and performing the sundry other necessary household duties, while her husband is out traipsing all over the globe, crawling in and out of people's chimneys and having a high old time? Do you suppose any other woman would stand for anything like that? And yet that is exactly what Mrs. Claus has been doing—not one Christmas eve, but every Christmas eve as far back as memory extends!

And what thanks does this noble woman receive for her sacrifices? Nobody ever gives her a tho't, away up there in Ice Cape all by herself. Of course, everyone makes a big hurrah over Santa when he comes to town, writes him letters and tells him what a great fellow he is; but nobody seems to appreciate the fact that if Mrs. Claus wasn't so generous Santa wouldn't get any farther from Icy Cape on Christmas eve than the corner cigar store.

Suppose Mrs. Claus, as wives sometimes are wont to do, should suddenly decide that Santa wasn't to go out on Christmas eve? Wouldn't that be a fine how-do-you-do? Suppose, when she saw him looking around for his little red cap and mumbling something about "promising the boys", she should speak up something like this: "See here now, S. Claus, you don't get out of this house tonight! I'm sick and tired of spending Christmas eve all by myself while you're out gadding around! It's time you were beginning to pay a little attention to your own family, for a change! This is one Christmas eve when you're going to stay at home"! What could Santa do? Any married man can give you the answer. There would be only one thing Santa could do. He would stay at home. And the millions of children who awake eager and expectant on Christmas morning—how would they feel when they found their stockings empty?

Let us all cherish Old Santa, but at the same time let us not forget Mrs. Claus. Who is it that keeps Santa's nice red suit all spick and span from Christmas to Christmas? Who is it that sees he is well bundled

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It will soon be time for New Year resolves, but before that time, we can think of Old Year regrets. Few of us but what have regrets for things done or said during the year about to close. Regrets that we were not more charitable in some respects and regrets that we were not in position to lend a helping hand to more in times of stress. To those that have felt hurt or aggrieved at the editor for what might have been printed, we can only say that we felt at the time that we had a duty to perform and believed we were right and just. We hold no malice toward anyone and at this season of the year forgiveness should be in the hearts of all, we hope those who have held a grudge against us will cancel same and help us be of service in the future.

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A little advice about matrimony might not be out of place at this time. The youth who wishes to take the fatal step, and his financial outlook is a bit gloomy, might do well to go to Ellis Island and look over the girls who come from North Germany and the Scandinavian Provinces. They know how to cook, wash, iron, sew, cut the wood and work in the fields if necessary. Of course, the frivolous flapper is good to gaze upon, but they do not always have the requirements to guarantee the meal ticket.

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F. H. Collier reports in "Echoes of the Streets", Dr. Jean Bouchon as saying "We eat too much salt. You know what salt does wherever it is put. It pickles. Your whole body can be more or less pickled". We've seen people on occasions who were more or less pickled, but we never knew until now that salt was to blame.

Last Sunday night two of our young bachelors journeyed to Cape Girardeau to attend the picture show. Afterwards, when they started to get into their car, they found placed in a conspicuous place on the windshield, a note. While we can't swear to the exact language of the note, in effect, it read somewhat as follows: "Why didn't you let me know you were coming up? Please don't leave town without calling number—— I'll be anxiously waiting. Your——" The two of course were thoroughly surprised and could only account for the note's presence by concluding that the young lady who had given her phone number and signed her name, had msitaken their car for someone else's from Sikeston. But being young and adventurous—well, what would you have done

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Missouri has a wonderful team in the United States Senate and between them they should be of great service to the Central West. Senator Hawes, with his can of soft soap and pleasant manners, should be able to convince other Senators to change their way of thinking of what is best for this section, while Senator Reed can stand by with his big stick and roll of sandpaper to make life miserable for them. Should these two Senators work together smoothly for the good of the State and the Country, they can make a wonderful team that will go down in history ranking with Vest, Cockrell and Stone.

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A sign on a window at the corner of Front Street and Kingshighway reads: "Used Auto Parts". Nothing wrong with that sign. Last week a rummage sale was held in this room and stretched on a line right under this sign was a number of woman's wearables.

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Don't forget the postal clerks thruout the country by mailing your packages early. It will be almost impossible to deliver the parcel post in time for Christmas unless same is given prompt attention.

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The two weeks preceding Christmas more good little boys and girls than an equal number of months at any other season of the year. It holds good with the older ones, too, let me tell you.

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Centralia—Operations resumed at Centralia Broom Factory here.

Novelty—2 loads hogs and 1 load cattle shipped from here recently.

ANCIENT CIVILIZATION BEING UNEARTHED IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

Morehouse, Mo., December 11.—Tutankhamen's tomb yielded treasures in gold, silver and ivory, but the evidences of ancient civilization in Southeast Missouri, passing unheralded and for the most part hidden, conceal unwritten history of myriads of interesting people. The earth still holds most of these secrets under mounds and tombs. Races have risen and fallen, victims to geological phenomenon and the prey of savage invaders. New civilizations developed and decayed, until the dawn of history found the American Indians more oblivious to the rich lore over which they built their fires than the modern Persians is of the ancient glory of the Medes and Chaldeans as he plows through their ruins and curses the roughness of the land.

Millions are being spent in archeological research in Italy, Greece and Egypt, but not one sou of institute money for uncovering the richer secrets of little known and more interesting peoples—our ancient compatriots.

Much credit in so stupendous a task, must be given such unselfish individuals as George Langford of Illinois and Dr. C. H. Pease of Missouri for recent discoveries.

"These regions were more thickly populated by the Potter race than they are by whites today", said Dr. C. H. Pease. And this is a region of fertile eighty-acre farms and many villages dotting the landscape.

"Near Dexter", continued Dr. Pease, "is a mound which is 150 feet high and covers five acres, even after the leveling ravages of many centuries of wind, rain, beast and man. There are 100,000 cubic yards of dirt in this mound. and yet there are no signs of excavations near. At a distance of some five miles there are great gouges from the level land, from which this vast mountain of dirt was moved.

Dr. Pease calculates that there were some 10,000 people engaged in this stupendous task over a period of a quarter century. He pictures engineers constructing roads over the boggy swamp, traces of which are still visible; artisans making tools and conveyances for the dirt; doctors assuaging malarial patients; hordes of peons moving the dirt. These people had not learned the great economy of the wheel, hence carried it on their heads. There were artists fashioning the religious sacraments for this ceremonial mound, hunters and fishermen in great numbers supplying food (for this was a hunting race), specialists in many fields and soldiers for defense. Discoveries of Dr. Pease lead him to believe that these people were in a life and death struggle with a group of warlike barbarians living in the northern part of the United States and in Canada.

These people became so numerous that they probably ate themselves out of house and home, according to Dr. Pease, though he believes they may have secured food from sources that we know nothing of, either from natural sources or chemical sources.

According to the United States Government, it would take 50,000 acres to support each family on a hunting basis permanently. Yet there were more potters in some regions than there are homes today. In fact, in the regions from Cape Girardeau south through a good part of Arkansas there is an average of one house mound per farm with many villages interspersed. That these were not inhabited by successive generations is proven in the fact that a house mound was a permanent family seat, which is shown in the successive layers of buried waste and household remains as each house wore out and was replaced by another. Black layers of decayed vegetation show successive additions to the mounds with half century intervals.

Here is an area a third the size of Missouri at an age which Dr. Pease estimates to have been from 3000 years B. C. down to 1000 years B. C., which was the seat of a glorious civilization which has written its history in its sacramental, ceremonial and burial mounds. Much of this remains to be written into modern history.

Dr. C. H. Pease of Morehouse has been a private American archaeologist for thirty-five years, spending his money and what time he could snatch from his medical practice pursuing the unwritten. Over the states of Illinois, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Arkansas, Kentucky, Wisconsin and Missouri his delving into hidden secrets has led him. Vacation time, which to other men means rest and relaxation, saw him with spade, rod and chemicals digging like a laborer. At times his wife, M'liss, donned her work clothes and helped at his side. In places where vandals might destroy valuable pieces by poking rods into them, Dr. Pease would be back at his excavation at dawn and remain there until dark, taking his meals as they were brought to him. At times the lure of the buried past has made him sneak off from his practice for weeks at a time.

In 1917 Dr. Pease unfortunately lost all of his collection in a fire. Pieces of priceless historical value and some records were destroyed. They remain only in his memory, as he is not a writing man.

Undaunted by this loss, Dr. Pease started anew. His subsequent excavations have partly restored his collection. Today he has some 5000 distinctive pieces of stone work, several hundred distinctive pieces of pottery and several in metals and ores.

Dr. Pease has agreed under pressure to overcome his modesty and give the public the fruits of his work, that it may not be lost with him, and in the hope that others may become interested and money will be forthcoming to carry this valuable work on before more evidence is lost.

He speaks of some mounds being cut down for farming purposes. Often a tow-sack full of ancient bits of pottery can be picked up in one corn or cotton row. In some sections it is a pastime with boys to tunnel into some of the small mounds and poke rods into the pottery, breaking it and digging out some of it, which sooner or later is destroyed. There is one huge mound near Belle Mount about 75 feet high that was cut up and built into a government levee and most of its treasure destroyed.

The great group of ceremonial mounds near Charleston—the mound of the sun, the mound of the moon, firefly mound and others in Missouri should be preserved for study—thinks Dr. Pease; also the range of a dozen or more Sunset mounds in a range south of Poplar Bluff, two near New Madrid, as well as an occasional one from Cape Girardeau to Memphis.

Such a task is obviously beyond the resources of a few private individuals.

CONGRESSMAN LETTS URGES GOVERNMENT ELEVATORS

Washington, December 13.—Government erection and operation of big storage grain elevators at rail crossings in the upper Mississippi Valley to harmonie with existing barge lines and waterways was urged upon President Coolidge as a farm relief measure today by Representative Letts (Rep.) of Iowa.

The proposal is contained in a resolution adopted by the Upper Mississippi River Association and by the Iowa Banking Association. The plan, it was argued, would aid railroads in the orderly movement of crops and enable farmers to realize immediately upon crops through Government bonded warehouse receipts. Representative Letts said the need of such elevators was felt especially at Minneapolis, St. Paul, La Crosse, Dubuque, Clinton, Burlington, Davenport and Peoria.

Argentina's worst insect crop pest is a locust like the large flying grasshoppers of the United States.

The temperature of a warm-blooded animal when hibernating is almost the same as its cold surroundings.

Notice Of Administration

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That Letters Testamentary on the estate of Ellen West, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 7th day of December, 1926, by the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

JAMES L. WEST, Executor.

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Thos. B. Dudley, Probate Judge

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RELICS FROM ROYAL TOMB

Chicago, December 10.—A golden calf, ante-dating by 500 years the golden calf of Moses' day, was revealed briefly to a selected company last night by Prof. James H. Breasted, Egyptologist of the University of Chicago.

After being exhibited, the golden relic was returned to a secret vault from which it probably will not be taken again, at least for public exhibition.

The calf is part of a royal tomb treasure found in Palestine. The display included two tiny golden vessels; a golden girdle, such as an ancient king might have worn; golden pins for a queen; and a pitcher of blue stone, adorned with bands of gold.

From the point of view of the goldsmith's art, the most important piece exhibited was an open work breast ornament, once encrusted with semi-precious stones, now mostly fallen out. The design included the Egyptian goddess, Hathor, the source, Professor Breasted explained, of the Hebrew "golden calf".

Also, there was what remains of the golden calf itself; a statuette 15 to 18 inches high and overlaid with sheet gold. The overlay is crushed and crumbled, but the four golden hoofs are perfectly preserved in the overlay work.

"In the records as far back as 1600 B. C.", Professor Breasted said, "the kings of Egypt give lists of the golden treasure which they carried away from the palaces of the kings of Palestine before the Hebrews settled there. The tombs of these pre-Hebrew kings have never been discovered. Somewhere on the hilsides of the Holy Land these royal burial places remain to be found. From the first such tomb has come the royal treasure shown here".

Monett—Monett Egg and Poultry Company establishes station here.

Dock Hock says he likes to live away back in the country where the dogs have fleas and are not ashamed to scratch in public.

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Lore for Dog-Owners

By Albert Payson Terhune

THE VICTORY OF THE DOGS



The Mayor Was a Dog Hater and He Framed an Ordinance.

OLD MAN NEGLEY had been showing Judge Gray how to give medicine to his dog without spilling it all over and without having a wrestling match as well. Now as he turned to go back to his job of hedge trimming, the judge asked:

"I wonder what it is about a dog that makes people take such a lot of pains with him. We wouldn't do it for any other animal."

"Because no other animal is man's ally and chum," promptly replied Old Man Negley. "You take good care of your horse and cow because you're naturally decent-hearted, but chiefly because they give you practical service. But you're good to your dog because he's your pal and because there's a queer bond between dog and man that isn't found between man and any other animal or man and all the other animals put together.

"Let me tell you a rather queer story to prove that. You may have read a short account of it in your paper. For it was mentioned in nearly all the papers through the country. But I was there, myself, so I can tell you about it first hand.

"Last month I spent a few days' vacation visiting my grandchildren at a town named Butler, in northern New Jersey. I found the town in a tumult. The mayor, it seems, is a dog-hater. The town dogs bothered him at night with their barking. He framed an ordinance to get rid of them.

"The ordinance called for a yearly license fee of $15 for all male dogs, and $30 for all female dogs; instead of the old fee of $1 for males and $2 for females. You see the point, don't you?

"A poor man who happened to own a couple of male hunting dogs and a couple of females, would have to pay out $90 a year in dog licenses alone. A little boy who had a female puppy as a pet would have to scrape together $30, or let her be put to death. Some farmer, who could barely make both ends meet, must be taxed $15 or $30 on the dog that was the guardian of his farm and the herder of his sheep.

"And so it went. The mayor managed to get the town council to agree to the ordinance at its first reading. That was just before I got to Butler. I found the place buzzing like a hornet nest. I never saw so much angry excitement in any peaceful community as in that place where the citizens were threatened with the loss of their dogs.

"It was unbelievable. They were all stung on the most vital spot in their natures. They were up in arms to save their dogs from death, those of them who couldn't afford the terrific tax that the mayor proposed.

"Say, if our countrymen could summon up half the indignation over the income tax that the Butlerites felt for that dog ordinance, not a congressman in America would dare support it. I knew, of course, how much a fellow's dog means to him. But I never dreamed a threat to a town's dogs could wake such a blaze of fury in every part of that town.

"When the ordinance came up for a second reading the town hall was so jammed with people that crowds of them couldn't get anywhere near the council room. And all those people had blood in their eyes. The town council took one look at the crowd, and I guess they read their own political fate if they insisted on that ordinance.

"But the mayor was game enough to give the ordinance its second reading and then to make a speech upholding it. At least he tried to make a speech. But the crowd wasn't in a mood to hear dogs slandered.

"He began by saying that the dogs' barking kept him awake at night. Before he could get any further a woman in the front row called out:

"'It's your conscience that keeps you awake, and I don't wonder.'

"That started the others. The mayor's speech was peppered by uninvited remarks from the throng: and none of those remarks were loving or complimentary.

"He stood his ground, and called for a vote. The town council, to a man, had consented to the ordinance on the first reading. But this night, with the crowd hemming them in, not a member of the council voted for it. The mayor was left stranded by his own council. The will of the people was too overwhelmingly strong.

"The ordinance was lost, amidst a mighty hurrahing. Then the chairman of the health board jumped to his feet. He said something like this:

"'There have been meetings of this council when thousands and thousands of dollars of the taxpayers' money was at stake or when vital town questions were up for settlement, and not a dozen citizens of Butler took the trouble to come here. But look at tonight's massmeeting! It shows what interests all mankind. A Little Dog Shall Lead Them!'"

"And he was right. The town council of Butler or of any other town of its size never could get a line of mention in any metropolitan paper, no matter how important an issue was at stake. But almost every paper in the country printed a condensed or an extended notice of that dog ordinance meeting; and there were special reporters sent to it by metropolitan dailies.

"The newspapers know what the public is most interested in. That's why they printed the account of that dog meeting. It shows clearly the bond between man and dog, doesn't it? A dog is as much a 'human emotion' as love or hate or hunger or fear. Dog and man are bound together in interest, all the world over.

"And it isn't anything new, either. You've heard the proverb: 'Love Me, Love My Dog.' Well, I looked up that proverb at the public library once. It was written by a chap named John Heywood, as far back as 1565. And, thousands of years earlier the Bible speaks of 'The Power of the Dog.'

"No, please get me straight about that. I don't mean a dog is something to be slobbery or sentimental over or to fondle and make a fool of one's self over. He isn't. He's a servant and a pal of man, not a sloppy object of affection. Your dog is about the most normal creature on earth. He deserves a kind and patient and firm master, who will bring out all the best in him—not a sentimentalist who will spoil him or lavish on him the kind of affection that ought to be saved for one's children.

"It's almost as bad to spoil and cosset a dog as it is to be brutal to him. Just the same, when his rights are threatened, there'll always be thousands of normal humans to stand up for those rights or his, just as the Butler people did. See if there aren't!

"That's why the bulk of decent people hate vivisection so. Not because it is criminally foolish and foolishly criminal, but because it refuses dogs a square deal."

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Good and Bad Microbes in Constant Conflict

Most people know that there are friendly microbes as well as deadly ones, but it is not always realized that without the microbe there would be no butter or cheese.

Every time, too, that we indulge in pickles we have to thank the microbe which makes our vinegar; and when the baker puts yeast into flour he is just inserting millions of microbes, without the activities of which our loaves would be more like cannon-balls than anything eatable, says the London Mail.

Civilized man has also long used the microbe for purposes of destruction, for the saltpeter, which is the fundamental part of gunpowder, is produced by microbes.

But, of course, the chief use of the microbe is that the good ones are daily and hourly preying upon the harmful ones in our bodies, and so keeping us in good health.

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SAND AND GRAVEL SUIT RAISES A NEW ISSUE

Washington, December 9.—Whether the power to regulate navigation gives the government the right to appropriate private property within the banks of a stream, and remove such property for use in aid of navigation elsewhere on the stream, in spite of the fact that the removal itself did not affect the navigation of the stream to the slightest extent, will be determined in the United States Supreme Court in the case of John F. Jenkins, appellant, vs. the United States. The case was argued before the court on December 8, 1926.

The facts show that the government removed sand and gravel from the bed of the Mississippi River without the consent or without compensating the owner thereof. The removal did not affect the river in its navigable aspect in the slightest extent at that point.

The sand and gravel was used to make cement blocks which were used to bulwark the banks of the river at another point. The sand and gravel, removed from a bar, which was below water at certain times of the year and above at other times, belonged to respondent as riparian owner.

The respondent brought an action in the court of claims upon an implied contract to pay for the sand and gravel taken. The court of claims held that there was no implied contract and that the property was taken under the government's power to improve navigation, and that the rights of a riparian owner are subordinate to this paramount power.

The present appeal was brought from the decision of the court of claims.

The appellant contends that when no work of navigation is undertaken on the land of a proprietor who has complete title to the land, or in his vicinity, the government is without power to remove his property or soil for use in aid of navigation at distant points, without making payment therefor; and that the right to aid navigation does not include the right to appropriate private property with the object of transporting it to distant points and there using such property in work which will have no effect on navigation at the place from which such property has been removed.

Appellant further argued that the elements of the public servitude of right of navigation over submerged or partially submerged lands are, in principle, the same as those included in a public right of way over dry land.

The government contended that there was no contract, express or implied, whereby the United States agreed to pay for the sand and gravel taken by it, and consequently the court of claims had no jurisdiction of the appellant's claim. The government claimed that the United States was entitled under its dominant right to improve navigation to take the sand and gravel from the appellant's bar without paying compensation therefor, and that the right is not restricted to taking submerged land for the improvement at the point where the land is taken, but permits the United States to take such land for the improvement of navigation anywhere on the waterway.

Tobe Moseley says the women and girls used to be in style wearing veils, but now they come right out and expose their faces to public gaze, whether they meet the approval of the public or not.

Cricket Hicks has already started to looking around for a present he can afford to give his girl for Christmas, but so far as he has not found anything expensive enough at the Tickville ten-cent store.

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Notice to Tax Payers

Notice is hereby given that Mr. C. L. Blanton, Jr., is authorized to receive Taxes for me at Sikeston, Mo., during the month of December, 1926.

All parties desiring to pay State and County Taxes may do so at the City Hall.

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Relief Work in Wake of Earthquake At America's Orphan City in Armenia



Near East Relief Orphans Repairing Damaged Streets—American Ambulance Bringing in Casualties.

THE Armenian earthquake has laid waste the most novel city in the world. Cable dispatches to the Near East Relief indicate that its orphanage centers of the organization in Leninakan, formerly Alexandropol, have been seriously damaged by the disastrous earthquake that cost 500 lives and made 80,000 homeless in the mountain country.

The orphan city was established by the Near East Relief shortly after the armistice, being housed in barracks that once belonged to the Imperial Army of the Russian Czars. At one time 35,000 children were cared for here, though rehabilitation efforts had been so successful up to the time of the earthquake that the number had been reduced to nine thousand. The disaster, however, now threatens to throw a large number more on the hands of the organization.

Relief officials on the field have estimated that a million dollars will be required to provide adequate relief in the earthquake zone and to furnish sufficient funds to repair the orphan city and maintain it until June.

People in the United States are urged by the Near East Relief, 151 Fifth avenue, New York City, to observe International Golden Rule Sunday, for the benefit of the earthquake victims and to aid in the continuation of work in the earthquake zone and in Greece, Syria, Palestine, Turkey and Persia for another year.

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Episcde No. 7—"RADIO DETECTIVE" and COMEDY
Matinee and Night—Admission 10c and 25c

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WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY

HELENE CHADWICK in

"The Still Alarm"

Melodrama of the fire brigade—Hero's wife deserts him, but years later he regains her after first thrshing and then rescuing the villian from fire.

NEWS and Comedy—"DAREDEVIL DAISY"

Admission 10c and 25c

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COMING—Wallace Beery and Raymond Hatton in "WE'RE IN THE NAVY NOW", Jack Holt in Zane Grey's "FORLORN RIVER", Reginald Denny in "ROLLING HOME"

FARM STOCK

FARM WORK STOCK NOW ON DECLINE

Work stock will soon bring a premium because few farmers are raising their own animals and the supply grown by breeders is getting less and less each year.

"A survey shows that old horses and mules have decreased 16.3 per cent in the last five years and young animals have decreased 52.8 per cent," says Louis W. Anderson in an address before the North Carolina Farmers' State convention. "At the present rate of production it would require 66 years to replace the horses on the farm at the present time. It would require 182 years to replace the mules. We are practicing false economy in depending on someone else to supply our work stock. Pretty soon, we shall pay dearly for our neglect."

Mr. Anderson is county agent in Perquimas county, North Carolina, and knows of actual conditions on the farms. He believes that many mares could be used in raising colts without interfering with the regular work. Work stock should be regarded as a farm product, he states, and be produced at home.

Better utilization of work stock is also necessary, he states. The stock should be kept busy, but not too busy. As a general rule, when the stock is not idle, it is worked too hard and a plan of crop rotation can be devised where the work can be better balanced throughout the year. An idle team is expensive but an overworked team will not long remain an asset on any farm.

"A lot of our teams get too much whip and not enough feed and currycomb," says Mr. Anderson. "Horses should have two ounces of salt daily but many are lucky to get two ounces per month. Many stables are cleaned only once or twice per year and the owner wonders why his mules have sore feet. Many animals suffer, too, from lack of clean, fresh water. There are many other details neglected in the care of our work stock which are essential to their efficiency."

Soy Beans as a Protein for Fattening Steers

Soy beans proved their value as a protein supplement for fattening steers at the Indiana experiment station. It was found that whole soy beans may be used to take the place of cottonseed meal in a ration of shelled corn, silage and clover hay. Soy bean hay also made a satisfactory substitute for both cottonseed meal and clover hay when used with silage and shelled corn.

The results were obtained on 50 head of two-year-old steers that weighed from 846 to 854 pounds. The daily feed of the lot that made the best gains was 12.66 pounds of shelled corn, 2.37 pounds of whole soy beans, 20.85 pounds of silage and 4.33 pounds of clover hay. The average daily gain was 2.62 pounds which cost $10.40 per hundred pounds. The selling price was $8.30, making a profit of $4.25 per steer not including pork and $9.93 when hog gains were considered.

Greased Pigs Are Safe From Mange and Scurvy

Hog lice and mange mites reduce the ruggedness and feeding qualities of their hosts. Discarded crank case oil from the auto or tractor makes an excellent hog oil after a small amount of creosote dip is added. This liquid will dispose of the lice. Crude petroleum thinned with a little kerosene is very effective in ridding hogs of mange or scurvy. Either of these oils may be used on the surface of the water in a dipping vat, in a barrel for small pigs, or may be sprinkled or sprayed over hogs crowded into a small pen. Hog oilers are very good but oftentimes fail to reach all parts of a hog's body. Clean, dry well-bedded sheds will aid materially in preventing skin parasites.

Tankage and Buttermilk as Protein Supplements

Growing pigs used in experiments by animal husbandry division men at University farm at St. Paul, Minn., made slightly better daily gains and more pork when fed dried, semi-solid, or creamery buttermilk as a protein supplement rather than tankage. Creamery buttermilk or tankage produced the most economical gains, with dried buttermilk third and semi-solid buttermilk fourth. Results of the tests with the different lots of pigs are reported in Bulletin 221, "Tankage and Buttermilk as Protein Supplements for Growing Pigs," by E. F. Ferrin and M. A. McCarty.

Supply of Horses

A review of recent census figures show that on January 1, 1925, there were 11 per cent fewer young horses on the farms of the country than there were in 1918 and 1919. We still have enough horses and mules to supply our needs for the next two or three years. There is, however, evidence that after that date horse values will climb because of a shortage. Foresighted farmers have been increasing horse production during the past few years.

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Reciting in eloquent phrases the causes of this war for independence and relating with pride the successes of the northern and southern states in forcing the enemy out of Boston and in preventing them from gaining a foothold in the Carolinas and Virginia, the address urges the people of the middle states to display equal zeal and bravery in order to prevent such a great catastrophe as the loss of Philadelphia would be.

Today's address will be followed tomorrow by a resolution addressed to the states urging them to appoint a day of fasting and humiliation "to implore of Almighty God the forgiveness of the many sins prevailing among all ranks and to beg the countenance and assistance of His providence in the prosecution of the present just and necessary war".

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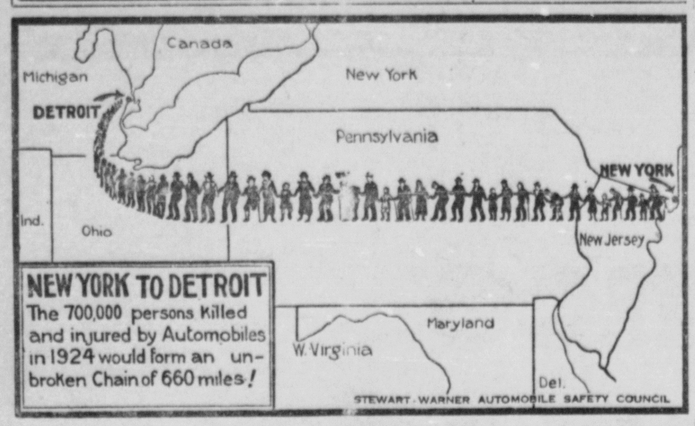
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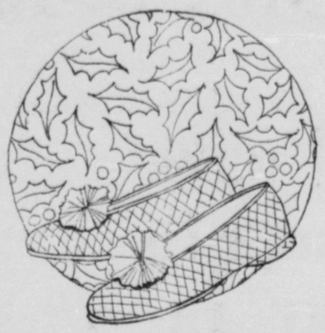
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Caravan of Death 660 Miles Long Is Nation's Auto Story



A CARAVAN of death and suffering 660 miles long is what the annual automobile casualties of the United States would form if placed in one continuous line. From New York to Detroit, painful mile on painful mile this ghastly and pathetic human chain would reach. This graphic picture prepared by the Stewart-Warner Safety Council for the prevention of automobile accidents, tells its own story. Twenty-two thousand killed annually by automobiles and 660,000 injured is the present toll caused by thoughtless drivers and careless pedestrians. Only a small per cent of the accidents are due to defects in the cars or can rightly be called unavoidable.

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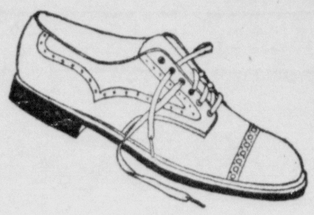
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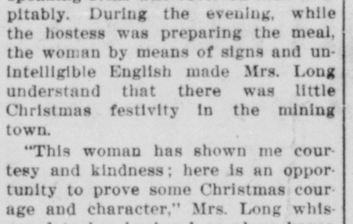
It was the afternoon before Christmas, when they were on their way to Mrs. Long's brother John's country home, where the Long children had gone the day before with Mrs. Long's sister's family, to be present at the family Christmas Eve festivities, with a large tree by the fireplace for the families of five brothers and sisters with parents of both Mr. and Mrs. Long. In the car were gifts not only for the Long children but for most of the other relatives. After telephoning from the mine-foreman's office to John's family that they must spend the night at Loneridge, the packages were carried to one of the



better looking huts of the foreign-speaking folks who received them hospitably. During the evening, while the hostess was preparing the meal, the woman by means of signs and unintelligible English made Mrs. Long understand that there was little Christmas festivity in the mining town.

"This woman has shown me courtesy and kindness; here is an opportunity to prove some Christmas courage and character," Mrs. Long whispered to her husband as plans began percolating through her mind. Soon the children were helping decorate the small tree which Mrs. Long had brought from her husband's store for younger members of the relatives' families, as well as her own children. Mrs. Schalska popped corn, Christmas-tree trimmings, oranges, nuts, candy and candles were produced from among the packages in the car, and a hurried trip to a small store enlarged the stock of goodies. The children, taking turns in carrying the tree, with Mr. and Mrs. Schalska, Mr. and Mrs. Long started out. Every house with boys and girls, aged or sick ones, was visited. The tree was placed on a table or chair, candles lighted for a moment while some goodies were distributed.

After a visit to each place, the family was invited to accompany this Christmas Cheer company while carols were sung outside and inside until everyone was so happy that some shouted while others cried for joy. One dear woman after listening to the story of the significance of the Yuletide season which some had made Mr. Long understand they wished to learn, drying her eyes on the corner of a faded apron, called Mrs. Long an "H-angel." The glad notes of the Christmas caroling soon reached the farther ends of Loneridge, whose inhabitants joined in a community Christmas as they made their way to the large engine house where the tree was placed in the center while they sang patriotic songs. Then, while



sacred quietness reigned, Mrs. Long repeated the Christmas story, after which Mr. Long led softly in singing, "All is calm, all is bright," when some one touched Mrs. Long on the sleeve. It was her brother, John, who was waiting in his big car to take them to his home. After their own festivities he had slipped away to bring the stranded travelers as a surprise next morning to all but his wife. As Mrs. Long arranged the packages around the small tree on the table, possibly there were visions of happy faces of Loneridge boys and girls with their note discordant in tone but full of love-harmony while they sang, "All is bright." Perhaps she wondered at the "peace that passed understanding" which she had that Christmas. She may have understood that the Loneridge Christmas Eve would be one of the happiest memories of her life because wherever and whenever the message "Inasmuch" is lived out, there will be "Peace and Good Will Among Men."

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A Christmas Carol

A bright and blessed Christmas Day,
With echoes of the angels' song,
And peace that cannot pass away,
And holy gladness calm and strong,
And sweet heart-carols flowing free:
This is my Christmas wish to thee!
—Havergal.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM MATTHEWS

The ladies of the Christian Church will have a bazaar and bake sale on Wednesday and Thursday, December 22 and 23, in the west side of the Matthews Store Building. They will also sell home-made candies. Persons who wish nice home-made cakes and candy for Xmas will find theme here with these ladies. When you buy from them you are helping a good cause as the proceeds are used for the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Proffer motored to Sikeston Sunday to take their baby to the doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ratcliff and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Ratcliff were 12 o'clock dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hensley of Pharris Ridge, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Deane and daughters, Missse Alice and Frankie, motored to New Madrid Saturday to visit their daughter and sister, Mrs. Aubrey Lurmit.

Doc Crider of Caruthersville and Jack Dunlap were 12 o'clock dinner guests of Misses Cecilia and Cuba Burch, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Stroud and children shopped in Sikeston Saturday.

Rev. D. E. Cannady was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Deane at six o'clock dinner Wednesday.

Mrs. Limbaugh was called to Muskeegan, Mich., Thursday on account of the serious illness of her mother.

Miss Cameron Lesley returned to her home near East Prairie, Friday, after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Critchlow motored to Sikeston Friday to visit relatives.

Miss Eathel Dunn of Sikeston spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dunn.

Mrs. G. D. Steele and Mrs. G. D. Englehart shopped in Sikeston, last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Emory and children motored to East Prairie, on Sunday, to visit relatives.

Mrs. L. F. Swartz entertained the following at 6 o'clock dinner, Wednesday evening: Misses Katherine Sackman, Laura Sharp, Thelma Davis, Elizabeth Brackel and Mabel Macklem.

G. F. Deane motored to Cape Girardeau Saturday on business.

Miss Verna King of Cape Girardeau spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. King.

A total of 3,560,987,586 gallons of gasoline were taxed during the first six months of 1926. All of the States except Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York imposed a gasoline tax, the rate ranging from one to five cents with an average of 2.39 cents per gallon. An additional 856,450,000 gallons, it is estimated, were consumed in the four States in yhich the tax is not collected. Since 19,697,832 motor vehicles were registered in the six-months period, the gasoline consumption per vehicle averaged 225 gallons.

There are now between 4000 and 5,000 co-operative livestock shipping associations in this country, according to the latest figures of the United States Department of Agriculture. This movement has developed rapidly during the past 12 years, and must be recognized as a factor of permanent and growing importance in the marketing of livestock.

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